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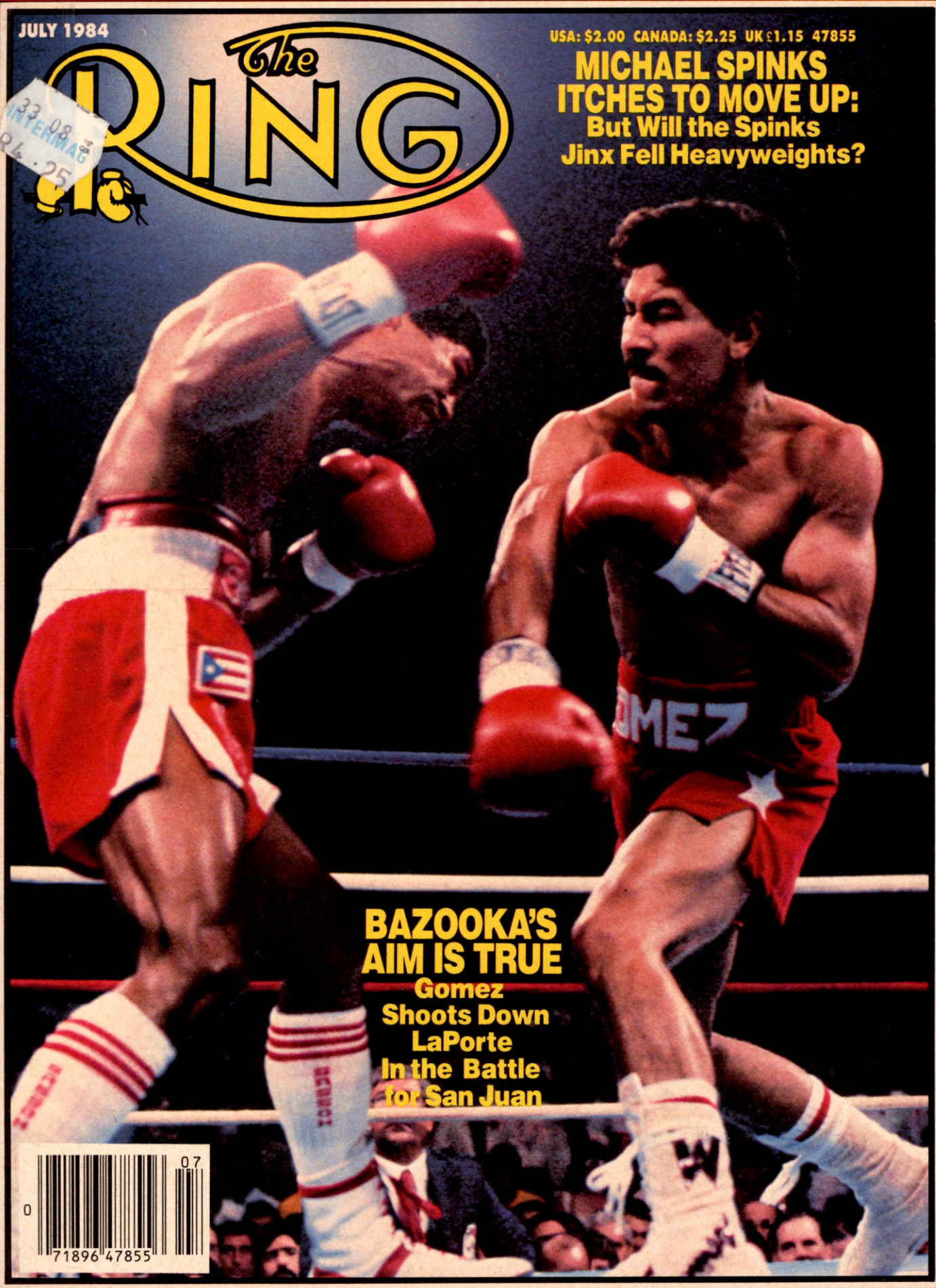

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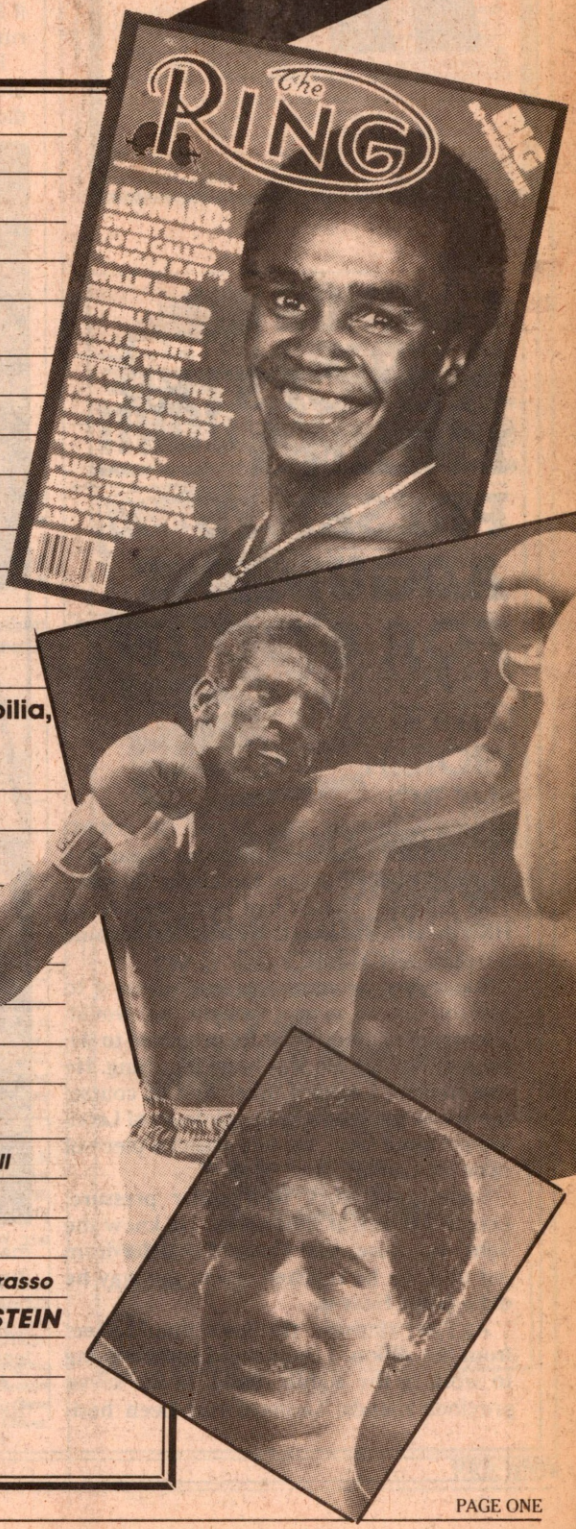


WORCESTER ENDING PRESENTS ARGUMENT FOR 8-COUNT

MOMENTS BEFORE THE START OF ROUND eight, I had it scored 66 points for Sugar Ray Leonard and 66 points for Kevin Howard. This televised match had been merely an HBO event beforehand. Now, it had become a fight.

Sugar Ray Leonard was not breezing to victory, as so many thought he would. Howard was doing what he promised to do. He was boxing. He was body punching. He was making Leonard miss. And of course, there was the dramatic knockdown of Leonard in round four. No, this wasn't a piece of cake for Leonard, not at all.

Some men work well under pressure. Leonard is one of those men. He knew the fight was close, that Howard was far from out of it. So he reached down, the way he did against Hearns.

As I sat ringside, no more than 15 feet from the action, I could *feel* Leonard going to work in the eighth round. In the seven previous rounds, Leonard had been hesitant. I believed he was thinking about his eye. Now, in round eight, he was fighting as if he thought, "To hell with the eyes. Let's rumble!"

He nailed Howard with some of the most brutal body shots I've seen in a long time. I didn't just see them or hear the sound they made or the groans from Howard. I felt them. I felt them the way I felt Leonard's body digs against Hearns. By the end of the round, Leonard hadn't just edged into the lead by one point. He had taken over.

At the bell for round nine, I remember thinking, "Is Leonard going to continue digging those powerful body shots or is he going to switch his attack upstairs? I think he can stop Howard this round. What is he thinking?" As it turned out, he was thinking the same thing.

After a few more body shots, Leonard showed Howard some footwork. Then he showed the tough Philadelphian a left hook to the head. Howard began to fall apart. His body swayed as his legs took off in different directions. yet he knew where he was. He began moving as best he could as Leonard went after him. A few more shots along the ropes kept Howard in his drunken state.

I looked at referee Richard Flaherty, who was watching Howard closely. You could hear Flaherty thinking, "Another punch and I'm gonna' stop it. Just one more. Just one more."

In the next few moments, Flaherty and Leonard had nearly the same thought. Flaherty wondered whether he should stop the fight. Leonard wondered whether he could stop his tough opponent.

Howard tried running. He tried ducking. He tried blocking punches and he tried clinching—make that grabbing—onto Leonard. Leonard threw lots of punches, but few landed flush on Howard's chin. Even the grazing shots, however, kept him in a state of fogginess.

I thought to myself, "What's the ref doing. There's a standing eight-count here in Massachusetts. Why doesn't he use it? Now's the time!"

Then came a clinch, another bear hug by Howard, Leonard desperately tried to throw him off. Flaherty was within breathing distance of them. Then, he stepped in.

"Here comes the standing eight," I thought.

To my utter disbelief, Flaherty wasn't stepping in to give Howard a standing eight-count. He was stepping in to stop the fight. During a clinch!!

My mouth fell open. Many in the crowd of over 10,000 took up the chant "BULL—!" I was tempted to join them. What in the world had Flaherty done? I mean, he could have stopped the fight moments earlier, or he could have allowed Leonard to pull free from Howard's grasp and perhaps finish him off. But to stop the fight during a clinch was absurd! The standing eight-count. The more fights I see, the more I'm certain it would help—not hurt—the sport.

The very safe and very successful amateur ranks—from the Golden Gloves to the Olympics—use the standing eight-count. Yeh, yeh. I know. There's a big difference between amateur boxing and pro boxing. In the rules there's a big difference. In the physical "application" of the sport, boxing is the same, whether he is amateur or a professional. So is getting staggered and hurt. That has nothing to do with the rules. Which brings me to the very meaning of the standing eight-count.

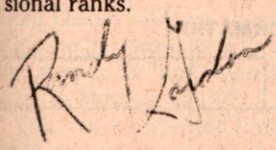
I have seen tens of dozens of fighters stopped on their feet because they took too good a punch. They stood on their feet instead of falling down. Because they didn't fall, they didn't get rest. They didn't get time. They needed both. How often have you seen a floored fighter get off the deck to win? I've seen it happen plenty. Had that fighter not gone down because of a George Chuvalo-like chin, he wouldn't have gotten the rest and time. He would've gotten hit more. Should a fighter be penalized just because he has a sturdy chin and doesn't go down? I think not.

With a standing eight-count, the referee doesn't penalize a fighter with a strong chin, someone like Kevin Howard. With the standing eight-count, the referee merely steps between the fighters and begins counting to eight over the dazed boxer. At the end of eight seconds, the fighter is either okay to continue or his eyes are glazed and the fight is stopped. It's that simple. Is it better for a dazed fighter to take several more clean unanswered punches than to take a standing eight-count?

Howard's manager, said to me an hour after his man was stopped by Leonard, "The referee had no right stopping it. We could've come back." "We'll never know. I just wish the referee had given Howard the chance. He could've done so only by administering the standing eight-count.

Flaherty blew it. He had the option to use the standing eight-count, but didn't. That's because it is a rule which is adhered to only in the amateurs.

It's time to see it adopted in the professional ranks.



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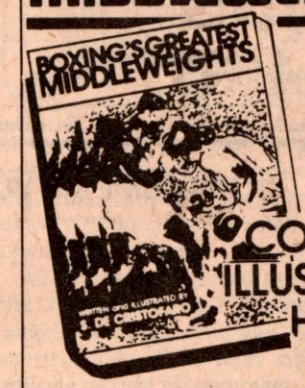

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ROUND ONE

BY BEN SHARAV

THE RUSSIANS AREN'T COMING, THE RUSSIANS AREN'T COMING!

THE BITTER, ANGRY REACTIONS FROM certain American officials and commentators to the Soviet boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics were illogical and hypocritical. This is not written from the perspective of a Red sympathizer. On the contrary, it is the protests and pleas for the Russians to change their mind that humiliate the United States and trivialize the important difference between us and them.

The United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics in 1980 because of Soviet barbarism, exemplified by the invasion of Afghanistan. Now, four years later, the Soviet barbarism continues unabated. Russian soldiers still slaughter innocents in Afghanistan. The Soviet Union continues to arm and maintain gangster regimes such as Assad's in Syria and Khadafy's in Libya that attack their neighbors and butcher their own people. Russia continues to subjugate Eastern Europe. The communist police state still forbids free expression among its citizens, imprisoning dissenters in labor camps and mental hospitals. The illegitimate regime asserts its "right" to shoot straying civilian airplanes out of the sky.

Former President Carter, who orchestrated the boycott of the 1980 Olympics, now says he "regrets" the Soviet decision to skip the L.A. Games and "hopes the decision will be reversed." Congressmen and news and sports commentators have agreed with President Carter. But the relevant question for Americans is: Are the Olympics a legitimate forum for protesting Soviet global immorality? If the answer is "yes," then we were right to boycott the 1980 Games and we should say good riddance to the Russians with pleasure in '84. If the answer is "no," then we should have gone to Moscow in 1980.

This writer respected Jimmy Carter for his 1980 protest against the Soviet Union. But our withdrawal from the 1980 Olympics should have been coupled with a request to the International Olympic Committee to shift the 1984 Games from Los Angeles to a city in a neutral country. That would have eloquently demonstrated that we hold principle above Olympic pageantry and revenue.

Pleading with the Russians to come to Los Angeles now, is as morally consistent as the following ridiculous scenario: You turn down an invitation to a party thrown in honor of your neighbor, because the man sells heroin to schoolchildren and procures them for prostitution — then, two months later, you beg the pimp/pusher to accept an invitation to *your* party.

THAT THE ATHLETES ARE THE LOSERS IN this political confrontation is a cliché that is nonetheless accurate. The situation is saddest for athletes such as swimmers, fencers, gymnasts, track competitors and wrestlers, for whom Olympic triumph is the ultimate goal and achievement. A gold medal from the diluted L.A. Games will have a tarnish that cannot be polished away.

Boxers suffer too. If the Cubans join the Communist boycott, the Olympic boxing becomes just another tournament. Two of the U.S. fighters — lightweight Pernell Whitaker and welterweight Mark Breland— have already beaten everyone out there on the international scene. For them, winning the Olympic gold is a reaffirmation that they are the best. The rest of the American fighters won't have a chance to prove that until the pros.

ALI'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE

ENGLAND HAS KNOWN MUHAMMAD Ali to be a magician ever since he first invaded the Kingdom as Cassius Clay in 1963. Ali fought Henry Cooper in London then, and near the end of the fourth round 'Enery caught Cassius with a tremendous left hook that knocked the brash American down and almost out. Clay made it to his feet but looked like he'd "had it" when he struggled back to his stool at the bell. But then, like magic, a tear suddenly appeared in Cassius' glove and the one-minute rest period had to be extended until

a replacement glove could be brought up from the dressing room and put on. By then, Clay had sufficiently recuperated, and he quickly stopped the bloodied Cooper when the action resumed.

Ali has never revealed the secret behind the "ripped glove trick" (trainer/cornerman Angelo Dundee is generally "credited"). The sportsmanlike Brits have never held the episode against Muhammad.

In recent years, Ali has been entertaining fans with a more standard repertoire of magic tricks. After Ali did some tricks in England a few years ago, the British Magical Society made him an honorary member.

The honorary membership has just been unceremoniously revoked. What set off the magicians' group is that after "levitating" a woman and making a handkerchief disappear while on his most recent visit to the Empire, Ali went and showed the viewers how he does it. "Ali violated the cardinal rule of all magicians," said Barry Gordon, head of the 99-year-old Society. "We are striking his name from our membership list."

Surely, Henry Cooper (whom Ali subsequently beat uncontroversially) and Brian London (the other English heavyweight whom Ali pulverized in defense of his Heavyweight Championship) will attest to Ali's magical power with or without his membership in any Society.

GOOD THING THOSE WEREN'T 'THUMBLESS' GLOVES, SIR!

CITIZENS OF AMERICA AND INDEED OF the entire world were awed and thrilled by the suspenseful and ultimately successful repair of the crippled Solar Max satellite performed by U.S. astronauts George D. Nelson and James D. van Hoften in outer space. Of the intricate procedure, in which the two astronauts—while constrained by their spacesuits—manually removed a non-functioning 500-pound control module and replaced it with a new unit, Dr. Nelson commented: "It's like doing surgery in boxing gloves."

HAWK TIME AGAIN

AARON PRYOR'S COMEBACK FIGHT has been officially announced, and THE RING has picked a winner in its popular "Pick The Hawk's Next Fight" Contest.

The final obstacle threatening the Cincinnati Cyclone, the drug charge hanging over him in California, was dropped by a sympathetic judge. Judge Wardell Moss of the Inglewood Municipal Court ruled that sheriff's deputies illegally searched Pryor's car when they found three grams of cocaine there last November.

After the hearing, Pryor announced that he would return to the ring against Tony Baltazar. But when the fight was officially announced by promoter Dan Elbaum, Pryor's opponent was changed to Nicky Furlano.

Of the hundreds of entries to THE RING's somewhat tongue-in-cheek contest, run last December, not a single one tabbed Furlano as the opponent. Several, however, picked the correct date: June 22, 1984. One of those entries, from Floyd C. Carey of Springfield, Vt. was picked at random as the winner.

Reached by phone at his home, Mr. Carey, a retired senior citizen, said, "That's great, I never won anything before." Mr. Carey and his eye doctor, Dr. Philip Hughes, will attend the fight in Toronto, courtesy of THE RING.

RUNNING ON EMPTY

FIGHT FIGURES FIGURED PROMINENTLY in the Trivera foot race held on a recent Saturday morning in New York's Central Park. Harold Weston Jr., the former welterweight contender and now the Madison Square Garden matchmaker, had made himself an informal, pre-race favorite by confidently boasting at his Felt Forum card the previous night: "I'll beat out all the current fighters, that's for sure."

Weston finished the 10-mile run in 1 hour and 30 minutes, which — luckily for him, from a business standpoint — wasn't nearly good enough to beat Eddie Gregg, the Garden's heavyweight hopeful, who cruised in at 1:17. Pinklon Thomas (1:21) wasn't far behind.

The Joe Frazier clan was out in force. Fighting nephews Marc (1:28) and Rodney (1:36) topped daughter Jacqui, who, along with RING Editor Randy Gordon, clocked 1:39. As for Smokin' Joe himself: He ran out of smoke after three miles, switched to a bicycle for part of the route before finally finishing in a taxi.

But the biggest surprise came from none other than Matthew Saad Muhammad. The former Light Heavyweight Champion, who last month announced his retirement, beat out all boxers, past and present, with a finishing time of 1:06. As Saad, who stuck around in the ring too long and ended his career on a couple of sour notes crossed the line, one observer quipped: "He can run, but he can't fight."

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Answer: Lightweight Al Singer won the world championship from Sammy Mandell on a knockout in 1:46 of the first round on July 17, 1930. In his first defense, on November 14 of the same year, Singer was knocked out in 1:06 of round 1 by Tony Canzoneri. Singer never had another world title fight. The combined time is 2:52 (172 sec.).

May's winner is Warren Gervais, of the Bronx, N.Y.

PUNCHLINES

BOOM BOOM MANCINI, TO CHALLENGER, Livingstone Bramble: "I'm gonna drop you like a bad habit."

TEX COBB, ON HIS FAMOUS, INADvertent "achievement": "Getting Howard Cosell to quit working boxing is my greatest contribution to humanity until I find a cure for cancer."

TEX COBB, DENYING THAT HE'LL QUIT boxing and stick to making movies: "I can't see taking directions all the time from a guy wearing pink pants."

JOSE SULAIMAN, AFTER EDWIN ROSARIO knocked out Roberto Elizondo with a right hand in the first round in the WBC lightweight champ's first fight since breaking the hand: "Perhaps Edwin was still wearing the cast."

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FRONT PAGE

THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE DULLER, TOO

BY MICHAEL KATZ

AT LEAST THERE IS AN EXCUSE TO BE dreary this time. Randy Gordon has commanded it.

"Do a piece on the state of the heavyweight division," ordered the lightweight editor of RING.

It probably is more exciting than the State of North Dakota, but the heavyweight division is now led by a collection of flawed fighters. Larry Holmes, one of the best of all times, is now flawed by age. The other leaders of what is usually considered boxing's glamour division all have fundamental weaknesses.

This became quite clear last March 9 during the 12 rounds of drudgery manifest by two of the divisions' best young lions, Tim Witherspoon and Greg Page. The former, it appeared, couldn't fight and breathe at the same time, while the latter wouldn't. Their "fight" for the vacant WBC title came down to who wanted it less.

It became crystal clear when the Holmes-Coetzee unification fight was yanked due to lack of interest.

Former WBA titleholder Mike Weaver happens to be like Greg Page in the fact both are quite talented. However, just like Page, Weaver has a reluctance to fight.

The same can be said for Gerry Cooney, who also happens to be burdened with the lack of a right hand, fragile bones and injury-prone muscles in his upper back and shoulders. While his chin might be strong, he has questionable temples (see second-round knockdown by Holmes, June 11, 1982).

Michael Dokes had a year to forget in 1983, being unmasked by Mike Weaver and Gerrie Coetzee. The Coetzee fight was on September 23. It has been nine months, and Dokes hasn't fought since. Who knows when he'll fight next?

John Tate is still rated in the RING's top 10, but does he ever intend to fight a top contender, other than look for a title fight against Larry Holmes?

Pinklon Thomas can't get out of the way of right hands, while David Bey and "Bonecrusher" Smith have yet to prove themselves against worthy opposition. Please

Page couldn't even breathe.

don't confuse Frank Bruno with being worthy opposition, for Bruno is British, and if you laid all British heavyweights from end to end, it would be a familiar description of British heavyweights.

Tony Tubbs and Tony Tucker have treaded water so long, one must question their ability to swim. James Broad doesn't have his toughest fights in the ring, but when he sits down for dinner.

Then there is Randall (Tex) Cobb, the man with the toughest chin and the quickest wit in the division, who seems more concerned with making Hollywood movies and fighting in kick-boxing matches; Renaldo Snipes, who, when last seen in action was losing to Alfredo Evangelista last September. And before that to Greg Page, so it has been over one year since "Mr." Snipes has won a fight; and pardon the expression, Lucien Rodriguez.

Top tens have traditionally meant two or three talented fighters and seven dwarfs. What is so depressing is that there is so much room at the top.

Hope springs eternal. There is always the chance—or at least the wish—that Cooney and Page live up to their promises, that Tucker and Tubbs leave the dead bodies for the undertakers, that Witherspoon benefits from on-the-job training and that Holmes can go on forever.

When things are slow for the heavyweight division, they're really slow! The Summer Olympics, which at least held the promise of some exciting heavyweight matchups, have blown up. the most promising of those matchups was the rubber match between super heavyweights of Cuba Teofilo Stevenson and Tyrell Biggs of the United States. Stevenson knocked out Biggs in their first meeting, but could only narrowly decision him last winter. A third meeting between the two could have been interesting.

THE OLYMPIC PULLOUT OF THE Communist nations also means we won't be able to get a long, hard look at Canada's Willie DeWit, considered to be the prime candidate for a gold medal in the 201-lb. class. DeWit may be the hardest-hitting amateur heavyweight in the world, but he's still raw. The Olympics would have been good proving ground for him. For DeWit, a gold medal is now virtually conceded to him, then it's back home to continue scraping sparring partners off the frozen ponds and tundra of Alberta.

Before we dwell too long on how miserable the heavyweight division is, let us point out that the big guys do not have the distinction of being the worst weight class, as long as the light heavyweights are around. Or the cruiserweights.

Between Marvelous Marvin Hagler and big big guys, there is nothing but Michael Spinks, Dwight Muhammad Qawi and Carlos DeLeon to populate two weight divisions.

Fights in the heavier divisions—especially

the heavyweights—are beginning to lose my interest, anyway. Heavyweight boxing is almost a different sport from the quicker-paced smaller guys. I'd rather watch a pair of good featherweights that a pair of pachyderms shoving each other around.

Besides, boxing is graced by an abundance of talent in the lower weight cllasses, especially the the 126-140lb. range, where there are such stellar performers as Eusebio Pedroza, Wilfredo Gomez, Edwin Rosario, Ray Mancini, Hector Camacho and the thankfully, the returning Aaron Pryor.

Let's take Camacho, who could develop into the best of the lot. The "Macho Man," outgrowing his 130-lb. title, could be matched with such featherweights as Pedroza or Gomez, world junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge or any of the deep field of lightweights. In a year or so, even Pryor may not be beyond his reach.

As for the lightweights, that division is so good that even the "losers" can fight. Robin Blake, John Montes, Cubanito Perez, Greg Coverson, Melvin Paul and "Choo Choo" Brown—all recent losers—would be top 10 if they were heavyweights. The winners are pretty good, too. Rosario may be as good as we first thought. Mancini may not always be pretty, but all he does is win. Then there is Howard Davis Jr., Harry Arroyo, Jimmy Paul, Alvin Hayes and possibly Roger Mayweather, as well as a crop of fine youngsters. Also, the Olympic Games might make a star out of Pernell Whitaker.

With Aaron Pryor back, the junior welterweight division again is alive. WBA titleholder Johnny Bumphus is a slick boxer who may move up in weight, as he is finding it harder and harder to stay at 140 pounds.

Thomas Hearns, Roberto Duran and Wilfred Benitez have all moved out of the welterweight division, but have been replace by Donald Curry, Milton McCroy and Marlon Starling. Tough Colin Jones, elusive Nino LaRocca and up-and-coming Simon Brown and Davey Hilton all will be heard from in the future.

Curry may be the best of the bunch. With Leonard's retirement, Curry is ready to take the spotlight as one of the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world. Unfortunately, Curry will never grow into a heavyweight. Fortunately, it does not matter for boxing. Ability is not measured on the scales.

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PAGE'S ATTITUDE ALL WRONG

THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY wrong with Greg Page. For months he wailed that he was the best heavyweight in the world and that Larry Holmes was "chicken-livered," "yellow," a "coward" and "ducking" him. So when he finally got his chance to fight for the WBC title, what did Page do? Nothing. You'd think that he could learn to channel his rage constructively instead of eating himself into oblivion as he seems determined to do.

Page was at his "best" right after the proper decision for Witherspoon was announced. Most men, when they lose, congratulate their opponent and say they would like a rematch. But Page, showing his usual class, used profanity on live TV, and announced that he was quitting because of the decision.

The public reaction to Page's "bombshell" threat was a deafenning yawn. So it was hardly a surprise when promoter Don King announced that Page has changed his mind about packing it in.

The time is long gone from where Greg Page could rest on his amateur laurels and con people into believing he's a top quality professional heavyweight. Page is going to have to *earn* a title shot now. The first step toward acquiring the public's confidence and support would be for Greg to actually train and do roadwork, so he doesn't enter the ring looking like some fat slob wrestler.

PHILIP CHAVEZ
Corpus Christie, Tex.

MERCHANT SELLS OUT

LARRY MERCHANT IS A SHILL AND A hypocrite. While doing the live commentary of the Page-Witherspoon fight on HBO, Merchant tried to pawn the bout off as a legitimate title fight. As the non-action droned on for round after round, with Witherspoon landing all the punches of any consequence, Merchant indicated that the bout was relatively even. After the final bell, as they awaited the final decision, Merchant and his colleagues, Barry Thompkins and Sugar Ray Leonard all agreed that the decision "could go either way" and that the fight "was too close to call."

A couple of days later I was surprised to read Merchant's column in the New York *Daily News*. There he lambasted Page as an overweight, undertrained slob who was never in the fight. Merchant did not bother to acknowledge the mysterious change in his opinion that accompanied his shift from HBO hustler to journalist.

MARVIN SEIGEL
New York, N.Y.

REF ALLEGES INACCURACY

I READ YOUR DESCRIPTION OF WHAT happened at the Marvin Camel-Roddy MacDonald cruiserweight fight in Halifax (*Round One*: "IBF Championship Charade," March) with more than casual interest. As referee of the bout, I feel it is incumbent on me to correct several inaccuracies in your report. The following is what acually occurred:

In the third round, Camel landed a hard low blow. I ordered a two minute rest for MacDonald and advised Alvin Goodman of my decision. Mr. Goodman thought the blow was in fair territory and told me so. However, I did not agree and in my judgment gave Roddy a two-minute rest. If at the end of the rest period MacDonald could not continue, then I would have awarded the fight to Camel as their contract contained the "No Foul" rule.

MacDonald was taking a good beating and in the fifth round he threw a wild right hand in desperation which landed on Camel's nose. Camel went down more from being off balance and surprised than anything else. He was back on his feet at the count of three and I gave him the automatic eight count.

Following this encounter MacDonald threw caution to the wind and went right after Camel and Camel caught MacDonald with a left bolo punch that sent him to the canvas. I did not get a good look at the punch as I was circling behind MacDonald at the time and he went down as if he were shot. All I saw was MacDonald's trunks moving upward with the blow. As I warned Camel twice previously for low punches, I thought it may be low.

Judge Larry Hazzard apparently knew I was not in position to see the blow and hollered to me that it was in fair territory. Hugh MacDonald, Roddy's father and manager was hollering "low blow"; consequently I decided to poll the three judges. I went over to Mr. Goodman, the supervisor of the fight and informed him as to what I was about to do and he agreed.

Judges Larry Hazzard and Harold Lederman said, in their opinion, the blow was in fair territory. Judge Alex Nickerson of Halifax thought the blow was borderline. Mr. Goodman thought the blow was fair. By this time MacDonald was still down on his hands and knees and the timekeeper told me that forty seconds had elapsed. I had no alternative but to award the fight to Marvin Camel. I would like to make it quite clear that Mr. Goodman did not overrule me. I did the polling and made the decision. No Fight Supervisor of Boxing Commission can overrule a referee's judgment decision. The only time a referee's decision can be reversed or overruled is if he erred in his interpretation of the rules and regulations of the Commission under which the fight was held.

BOBBY BEATON
Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada

HAIL SANDOVAL!

DON'T GET ME WRONG, JEFF CHANDLER can be a fairly good fighter. If you let him dictate the fight, he will beat you. but if you take the fight to him, he'll do nothing but complain to the referee. About anything. Examples: The sun is in my eyes, I tripped over a rock or Smoke got in my eyes. It seems to me that the boys from Los Angeles have his number (3 fights—2 losses).

Jeff, if you would take your tears from the ring and put them in your beer, I'll be more than happy to turn on the TV to watch you fight again. The bottom line is: Nobody wants to see a grown man cry.

DON CLAYTON
Santa Ana, Calif.

FOR COMMON SENSE

WITH THE ABOMINABLE BEHAVIOR of the WBA over the Coetzee-Holmes fight, I believe THE RING ratings take on a new dimension of importance. To hell with the alphabet soup con men. It's time we had a little common sense.

BERT BLEWETT
Editor, South African Boxing World
Cape Town, South Africa

THE JUDGE HAS HIS SAY

CONCERNING THE HAGLER-DURAN BOUT at which I was one of the three judges, the harsh criticism which the official decision evoked from subsequent articles in RING magazine was somewhat surprising.

Considering that my own score of 144 to 142 in favor of Hagler only differed from RING's scoring by the very narrow margin of two points (RING's scoring was 145-141 in favor of Hagler) and differed with U.P.I. by a single point over the fifteen rounds, I fail to understand the justification for the outrage expressed in your editorials. Pray tell, how close must the judges come to RING's own scoring in order to get a passing mark. As for the other two judges, they differed with RING's scoring by a slightly wider margin of three points, (and only two points difference with U.P.I.). this hardly calls for rounding up a posse.

Local sportswriters' surveys have indicated that more viewers agreed with the judges close scoring than with RING's own estimate of the bout. This being the case, the people's "white cane" award goes to RING magazine, by majority decision.

GUY J. JUTRAS
Montreal, Que., Canada

Editor's note: Mr. Jutras protests too much. Our criticism was not directed at his 8-6-1 score as much as at judge Yasaku Yoshida's 5-4-5 log.

BRITTLE 'STONE HANDS'

ROBERTO DURAN EXPLAINED IN A Panama telecast interview on December 15, 1978 (after his fight with Monroe Brooks) that he suffered an injury to his right hand as a youth when he crashed while going downhill on his bicycle. After brushing himself off he found that a piece of bone was sticking out of his hand. He thrust it back in and proceeded to walk to a nearby clinic, where the medics did a poor job of repairing his injured hand. Afterwards, Duran explained, when he hits hard with his right, he still feels the pain and it swells up considerably. Duran also stressed the fact that this never stopped him from producing KO blows with his right.

Perhaps time has finally taken its toll on 32 year old Duran's right "fist of stone." Writers have failed to note the fact that Duran sustained an injury in his right in the third round of the Hagler fight. This injury, although it didn't break any bones, was no doubt painful enough to prevent Duran from hitting as hard as he could. Although Duran didn't use this as an excuse for his loss, it certainly should be taken into account for his lack of performance in the fight.

Most recently, It was specultated that his hand was affecting him, as Duran begins training for his upcoming title fight with Tommy Hearns. His followers the world over hope that this injury will not be a factor in the outcome. With the WBC title on the line, a defensive fight is anticipated, with the chances of a Duran victory by decision in 12 being very good.

W. B. ABRESCH
Rep. of Panama

FIGHT TOUGHER OPPOSITION, PEW

I AM AN AVID FOLLOWER OF U.S.A. CABLE Friday Night Fights with Randy Gordon. One fighter in particular whom I've been following and who I feel is one of the finest middleweights in the business is Robert Pew. What I don't understand though, is why he is fighting journeymen opponents. With the amount of raw talent he has, he could be top-10 by the end of the year. But not if he insists on fighting middleweights with four and five recent losses.

RUPERT HEINEL
Claymont, Del.

STRIP TEASE

YOU HAVE TO FEEL SORRY FOR DON King. I remember last year Bobby Chacon refused to fight for King so the WBC stripped Chacon of his junior lightweight title.

Now it seems King has a new problem, since he agreed to promote the Jackson Five on their world tour. Local papers have reported that singer Michael Jackson is unhappy with King and wants out. I suggest that THE RING's next contest of the month should be "Guess-the-date-that-the-WBC-strips-Michael-Jackson-of-his-gold-and-platinum-records," with the winner to receive a copy of the L.P. *Thriller.*

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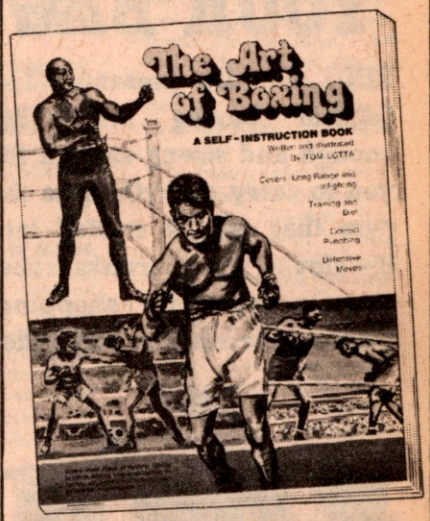

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Q How might I get in touch with the following: (1) Floyd Patterson, (2) Jack Sharkey, (3) Gene Fullmer, (4) Jake LaMotta, (5) Jerry Quarry?

—MARTIN SLACK
Devon, England

A *(1) c/o New York State Athletic Commission. (Floyd is no longer on commission, but they'll forward.) (2) c/o Postmaster, Epping, New Hampshire, (3) c/o Utah State Athletic Commission, (4) c/o Vicki LaMotta (write to her in c/o of Playboy),* (5), c/o California State Boxing Commission.

Q What were the official weights for Joe Louis and Billy Conn when they fought for the world heavyweight crown in the Polo Grounds on June 18, 1941?

BILL PARKER
Phoenix, Ariz.

A *Louis was 199½, Conn weighed 174.*

Q The first man to beat Duran was Esteban DeJesus. What is DeJesus doing now?

RICH GRADY
Grayslake, Ill.

A *DeJesus, who compiled a 57-3-2 log, is now doing time.*

Q The only things I ever read about Sonny Liston are that he kayoed Floyd Patterson in one round twice and was himself twice halted by Muhammad Ali. What were some of his other fights? What was his final record? Was he a great fighter?

RICKEY G. WYATT
Forest City, N.C.

A *Liston also kayoed Clevland Williams twice—in three rounds and two. Zora Folley (3), Nino Valdez (3) Julio Mederos (3), Roy Harris (1), Amos Johnson (3), Amos Lincoln (2), and Wayne Bethea (1) were among his other knockout victims. Sonny outpointed Eddie Machen over 12 rounds in Seattle on September 7, 1960. Liston compiled an overall pro record of 50-4 and was, without a doubt, one of the top 10 heavyweights who ever lived.*

Q What was the final fate of Young Griffo, world's featherweight champion from 1890 to 1892?

RAMON L. MORALES
Bronx, New York

A *Griffo, who could never lick John Barleycorn, died in New York on December 7, 1927.*

Q Who do you think would win a Hagler-Qawi (Braxton) fight?

QUINTIN MARTIN
Alexandria, Va.

A *Braxton.*

Q What are your all-time light-heavyweight rankings?

BEN OLSEN
Champaign, Ill.

A *1-Gene Tunney, 2-Sam Langford, 3-Ezzard Charles, 4-Bob Foster, 5-Tommy Loughran, 6-Archie Moore, 7-Billy Conn, 8-Jimmy Bivins, 9-Jimmy Slattery, 10-Jack Delaney.*

Q I was surprised to read in The Ring Record Book that Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong fought each other in 1943. Why is this fight so unknown?

DONAT KOGEL
Germany

A *It's not. (Armstrong was over the hill at the time.)*

Q How may times was Oscar Bonavena floored by Muhammad Ali in Madison Square Garden in 1970?

DENNIS HOHMAN
Goleta, California

A *Three times—all in the 15th and final round.*

Q Which boxer had the most professional bouts?

EDDIE T. RENDON
Inez, Texas

A *An old-timer named Abraham Hollandersky claimed to have had 1,039 bouts under the name "Abe the Newsboy" from 1905 to 1918. But most of the "fights" were exhibitions aboard naval vessels.*

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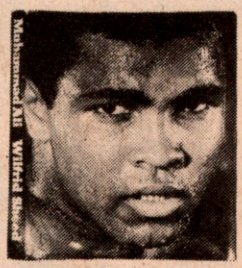

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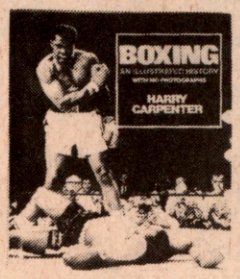

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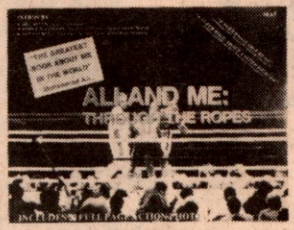

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'IT JUST WASN'T THERE'

The Record Book says that Leonard knocked out Kevin Howard in Worcester, Mass; but Sugar Ray is too smart to go by the book.

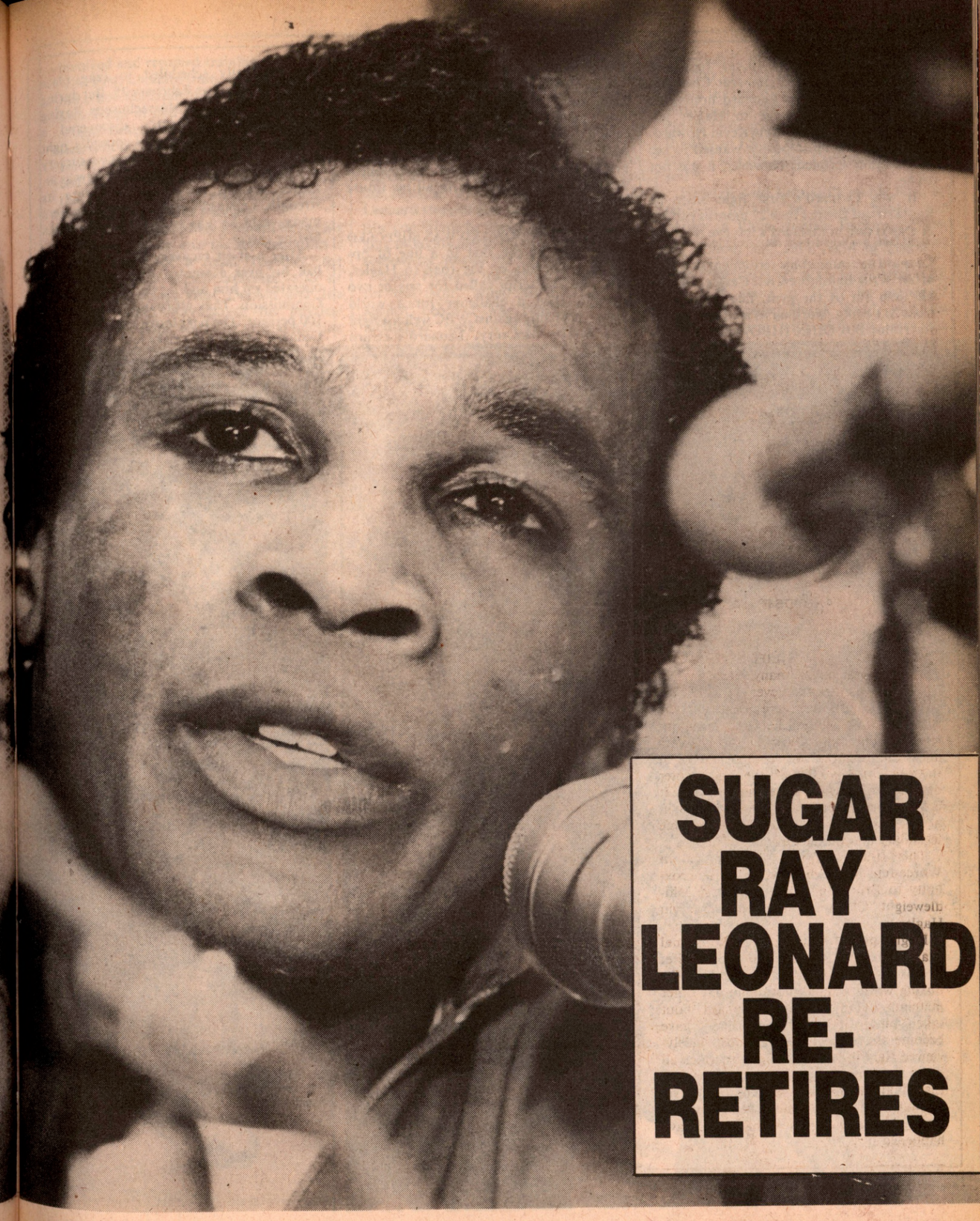
By RANDY GORDON

PHOTOS BY JACK GOODMAN

EVERY MAN'S LIFE IS A STORY made up of many chapters. No two stories are ever the same, for no two men are identical. The story of Ray Charles Leonard is an interesting one, most notably the chapters about his remarkable accomplishments in the ring. On May 11, 1984, the final chapter of Leonard's boxing career was written. It is a chapter certainly worth remembering in a story which will undoubtedly become legendary and put alongside the classics.

The final chapter takes place in Worcester, Massachusetts, in close proximity to Brockton, home of World Middleweight Champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Hagler played a major role in this final chapter of Sugar Ray Leonard's boxing life. It was a Hagler-Leonard bout which the boxing world wanted more than any other matchup. Had a Hagler-Leonard bout taken place, it would most likely have become the most lucrative, most widely-viewed fight in history, a fight by which all other fights are judged. However, the way that final chapter was written, Hagler vs. Leonard will happen only when fight fans get together and discuss "What would have happened if...?"



SUGAR RAY LEONARD RE-RETIRES

The majority of the 10,461 fans who didn't quite fill the 13,500-seat Centrum, came out to root for Leonard hoping he would issue a challenge to Hagler immediately after annihilating Kevin Howard. That was how most people wanted to see this chapter scripted. However, it was not to be.

It was Leonard's first fight since he knocked out Bruce Finch 27 months earlier. A torn retina in Leonard's left eye required surgery in May, 1982. Six months later, Leonard announced his retirement at a gala affair in the Baltimore Civic Centre. During his time out of the gym, Leonard stayed close to boxing, working as a commentator for Home Box Office (HBO) and CBS-TV. His closeness to the sport which saw him win an Olympic gold medal in 1976 and two professional titles stoked his competitive fire finally pushing him to announce his return to boxing on December 10, 1983. His only concession to his injury, was the precondition that both he and his opponent wear "thumbless" gloves in all his future bouts.

KEVIN HOWARD WAS SUPPOSED to be the first in a line of opponents on the road to Hagler. The script called for one or two tuneups, then a challenge for a world crown, probably against WBC welterweight king Milton McCrory. Leonard's return was originally scheduled to take place against Howard on February 25. But during a prefight check, a Massachusetts Boxing Commission eye doctor discovered a looseness in the retina of Leonard's right eye—his "good" eye. Corrective surgery was performed and a silicone buckle was attached around the retina to insure its strength. Leonard's critics—and there were many—said he was reckless to resume his boxing career.

After a short recovery period. Leonard had his eyes examined by the men who operated on him and by the Massachusetts Commission. They all found his eyes to be 100 percent. The next move was up to him. Leonard weighed the risks and the dangers involved and resumed training.

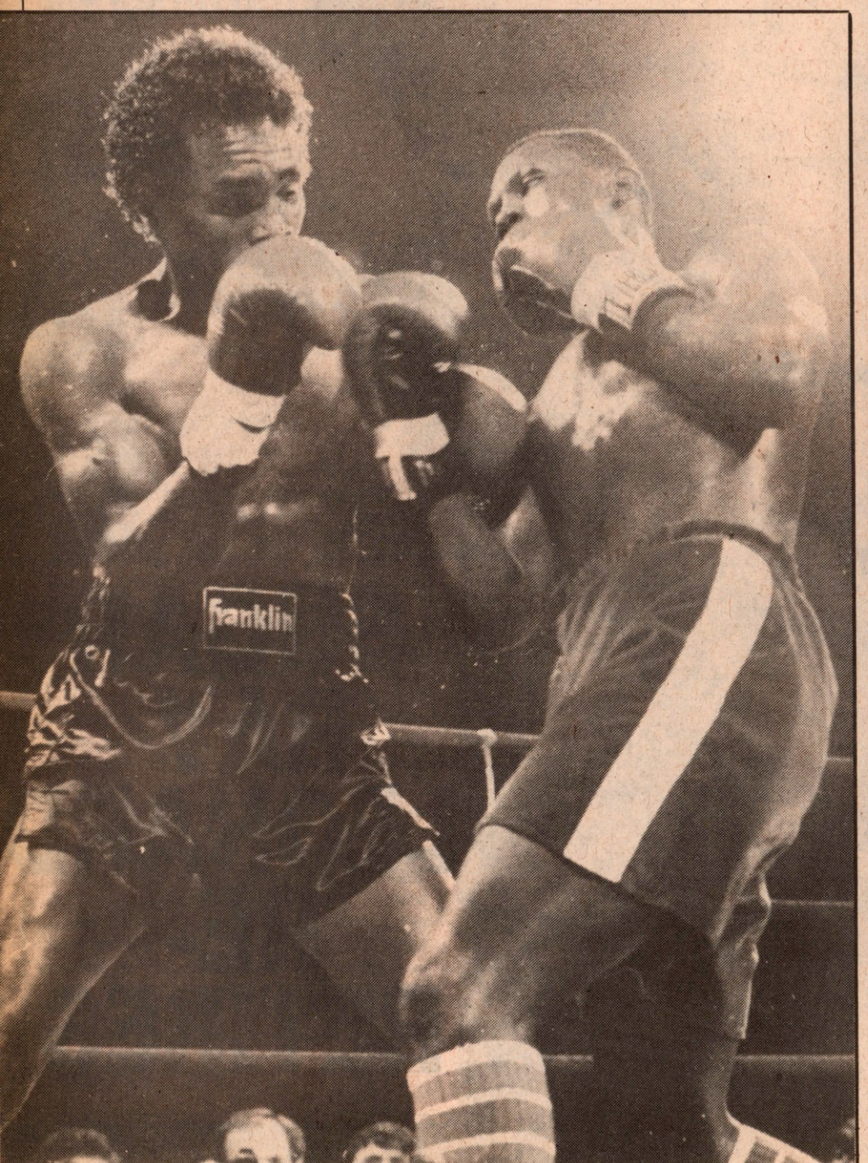
At first, Leonard trained in Palmer Park, Md., not far from his home in Potomac, Md. Then, in mid-April, he left for North Miami Beach, Fla., and the Allen Park Recreation Center, where the weather was consistently warm and Angelo Dundee could once again couple his wisdom with that of Leonard's magificient conditioner/trainer, Janks Morton.

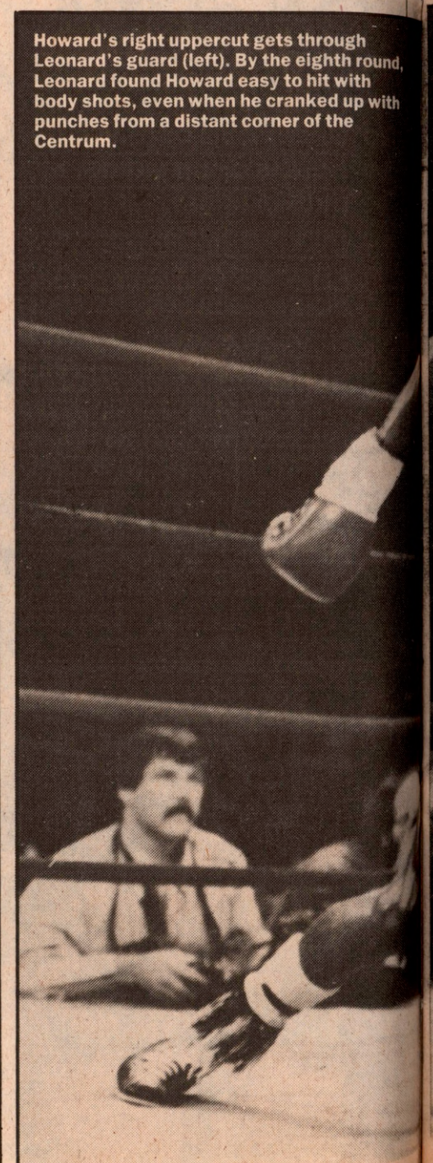
It was in Miami where Leonard honed his 27-year-old body into the top condition it always is in for a fight. Together, the Leonard team—which consisted also of James Anderson, Ollie Dunlop and Joe Brody—helped Ray polish his physical tools to the point where he looked nothing short of brilliant at times during training. Of course, training is not actual combat. While the Leonard team knocked layoff rust from their man, they could not climb inside his head and convince him there was no danger involved. Well, they could have lied to him but they couldn't have convinced him. Leonard knew the dangers and the risks as well as anybody. Although Leonard stepped into the Worcester ring in title condition, he could not leave the nagging thoughts about his eyes and his health somewhere outside the Centrum.

Kevin Howard trained for three months for the fight. When his February date against Leonard was cancelled, he immediately took a fight against Bill "Fireball" Bradley. Howard received $12,500 for the fight. A loss would have meant the loss of his fight against Leonard, with its $125,000 paycheck. Although he didn't look spectacular, Howard stopped Bradley in round six. Days later, Leonard said, "I saw the fight. I've seen all I have to see!"

Howard paid Leonard's words little attention. Rather, he trained harder and harder in Philadelphia's Exchange Street Gym, working on conditioning and cutting off the ring.

HOWARD WAS LED INTO THE arena at 10:22 by manager/trainer Frank Ward, who has been with Howard since the





Howard's right uppercut gets through Leonard's guard (left). By the eighth round, Leonard found Howard easy to hit with body shots, even when he cranked up with punches from a distant corner of the Centrum.

fighter was 14. He was greeted by a small, polite smattering of applause.

Leonard's 50-yard walk from the dressing room area to the ring was met by a thunderous ovation. Yet, the longest and loudest ovation of the evening went to Hagler, who was sitting ringside. When Hagler was introduced, he climbed into the ring and first walked to Howard. He shook hands with him and wished him luck. Howard smiled. Then Marvin moved over to the man whom he was openly rooting for, the man who would help him earn perhaps $10 million—Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard, who wore a black robe with "The Sugar" on it, nodded respectfully as the king of the middleweights shook his hand. Then, Leonard's sister, Sandra Leonard Petty, sang the National Anthem. At 10:30, it was fight time.

Howard 150½, had said he planned to take the fight to Leonard. He kept his word. At the opening bell he moved right out and landed a quick jab to Leonard's face. Moments later he caught Leonard with a sharp hook to the cheek. At that point, Leonard went up on his toes and moved. He gave Howard head feints and shoulder feints and lots of upper body movements, but he rarely punched.

The second round was more of the same, with Howard looking like a small Joe Frazier as he chugged his way forward, head bobbing up and down and side to side, his arms pumping along in rhythm with his body. To Howard, it didn't matter where his shots landed—on the arms, on the body or to the head—as long as they did land.

"I know I can hurt Leonard," said Howard the night before the fight. "I just hope he stands still long enough for me to prove it."

Howard got his chance in the fourth round. Leonard, 149, was coming off his best round, the first round he had won on the RING scorecard, and Howard's corner told him after the third to "get down, get under his shots, get closer." Howard listened.

After taking two hard hooks from Howard early in the fourth, Sugar Ray began to hit Howard with a mixture of speed, jive and combinations. A right by Leonard to Howard's head stopped the Philadelphian in his tracks for a moment, but only for a moment. Leonard's hands were held low, because he felt he could get away with it. He felt he could easily counterpunch his 23-year-old opponent. Two years ago, Leonard probably could have picked his shots against Howard. But this was not 1982. Leonard had shed some rust in his gym workouts, but not enough. He was still ring rusty. Howard was sharp, perhaps sharper than he had ever been.

As Leonard danced in front of Howard, "The Spoiler"—so named because of a rash of opponents who first accepted a fight against Howard and then pulled out, leading the promoter to tell Howard, "You're a real spoiler!"—pulled the trigger on his right cross. It shot out as Leonard was moving to his left. Howard's right and Leonard's cheek met. Down went Leonard for the first time in his career.

The crowd let out a collective gasp. Hagler's jaw dropped, his eyes opened wide and he sat in stunned disbelief for a moment.

Leonard picked himself up at the count of two as referee Dick Flaherty administered the mandatory eight-count. He wore an embarrassed expression, a half-smile, half frown, and looked across the ring at Howard. He closed his fists and gave Howard a double-barrel motion as if to say, "Good shot, kid."

Howard went for the knockout—and did indeed land a sharp left hook and a hard right—but Leonard was too skilled to get nailed with any more shots flush on the face.

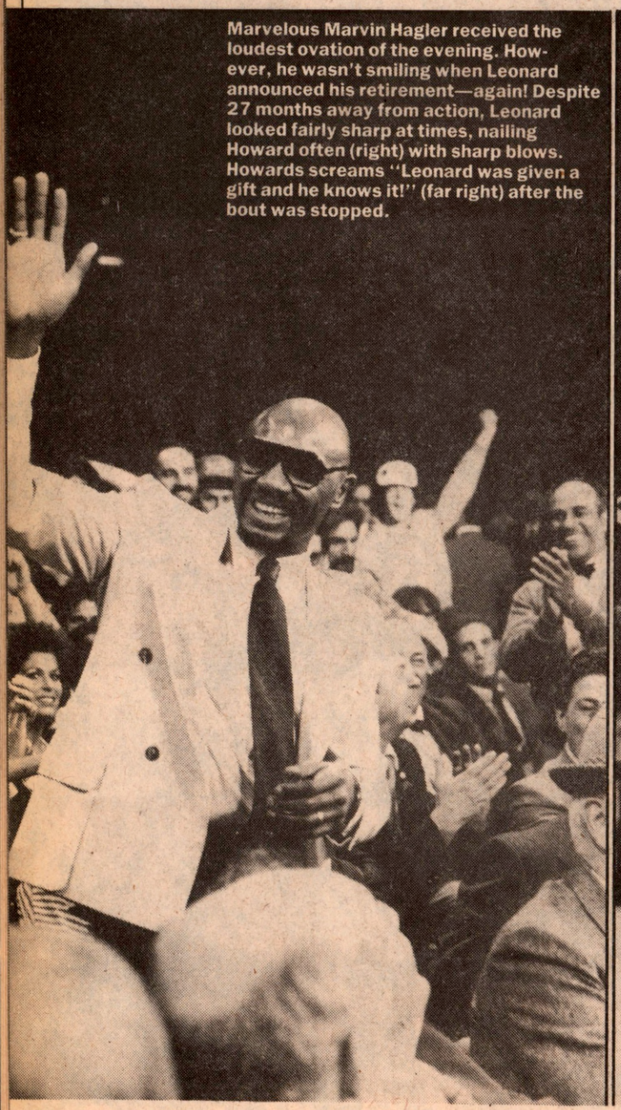
Leonard began the fifth round by glancing and nodding at his wife, Juanita, who sat—eight months pregnant—in the first row. Then he went to work. He met Howard head on and began to go punch for punch with him. Leonard's most effective, powerful work was to Howard's body.

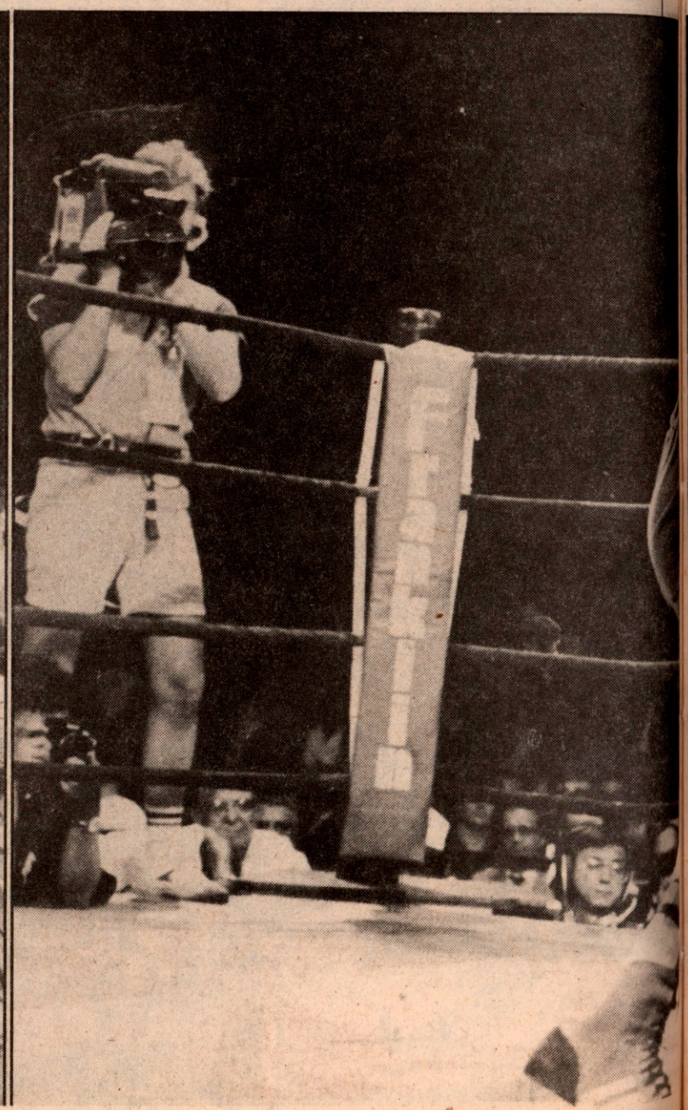
After the round, Dundee was still calm as he warned Leonard, "Don't trade with this guy. Slide on him. Speed! Speed! Show him speed!" And that's what Howard saw for the rest of the fight.

Whenever he stepped in, Leonard stepped back. Leonard never gave him another opportunity to set himself. Then Leonard fed him nothing but speed and wicked body shots.

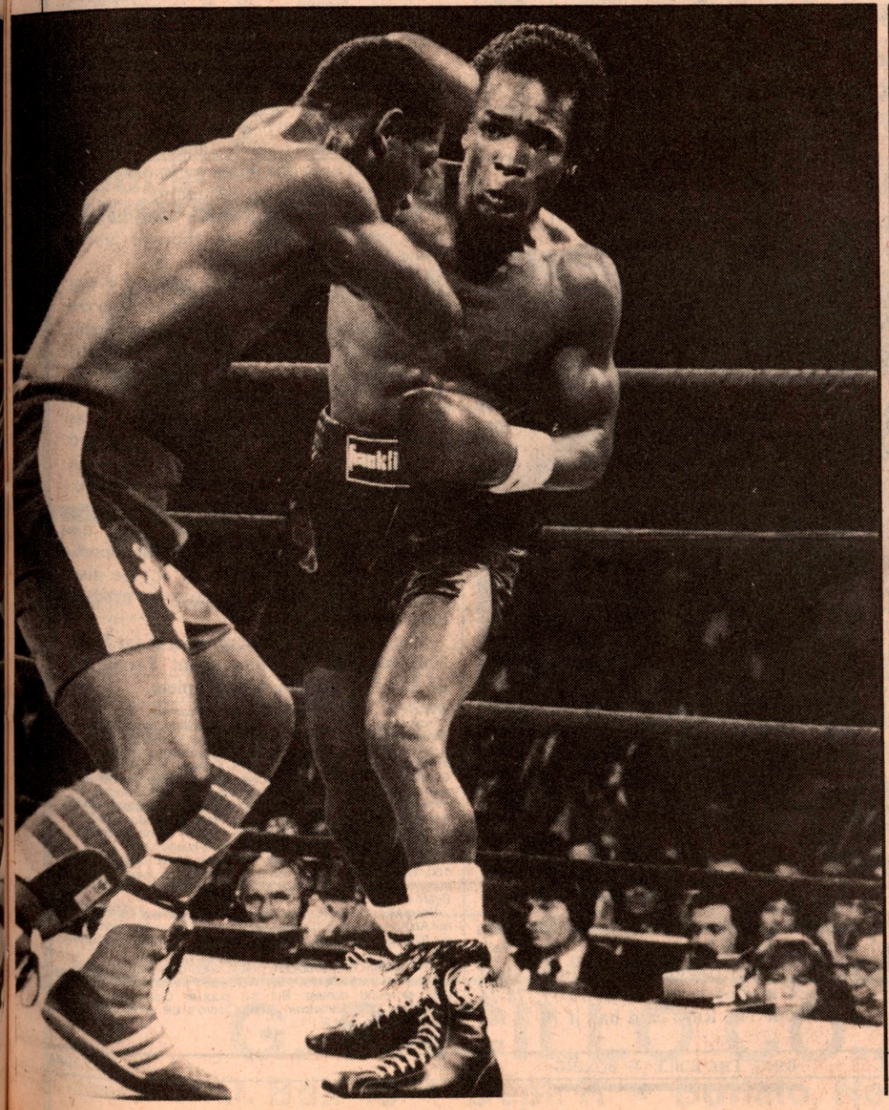
By the middle of the seventh round, Leonard was in control, but still cautious and even apprehensive about moving in. So he picked his shots. At the end of seven, the RING scorecard had the fight even at 66-66.

With body shots reminiscent of the ones which slowed Thomas Hearns on September 16, 1981, Leonard began breaking Howard up in round eight. Hooks to the right side. Rights to the left side. Howard began to crumble. When Leonard returned





Marvelous Marvin Hagler received the loudest ovation of the evening. However, he wasn't smiling when Leonard announced his retirement—again! Despite 27 months away from action, Leonard looked fairly sharp at times, nailing Howard often (right) with sharp blows. Howards screams "Leonard was given a gift and he knows it!" (far right) after the bout was stopped.



THE RING BOXSCORE™

LEONARD KO 9 HOWARD (Referee stops contest. Time: 2:28)

May 11, 1984 Centrum in Worcester, Worcester, Mass.

Scheduled distance: 10 rounds
SUGAR RAY LEONARD
149, Palmer Beach, Md.
Seconds: Angelo Dundee (chief), Janks Morton, Roger Leonard
KEVIN HOWARD
150½, Philadelphia
Seconds: Frank Ward (chief), Jimmy Arthur, Eddie Aliano

Promoter: K.O., Inc. (Dan Doyle)
Purses: Leonard—$3,000,000
Howard—$125,000
Odds: Leonard, 6-1 (est.)
Attendance: 10,461
Ticket Prices: $100, $75, $50, $30
Television: HBO (live)

Referee: Richard Flaherty (Braintree) (scoring)
Judges: David Sammataro (Chicopee), **George DeFillipo** (Everett)

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

JUDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total (through 8 rounds)		
Flaherty	-	H	L	H	L	L	H	L	4-3-1	(77-76)	**Leonard**
Sammataro	L	-	L*	H	L	L	-	L	5-1-2	(79-84)	**Leonard**
DeFillipo	L	-	L	H*	L	L	L	L	6-1-1	(78-74)	**Leonard**

L = Leonard's round H = Howard's round Dash (-) = even round (10-10)
Asterisk (*) indicates 2-point margin (10-8) All other rounds scored 10-9

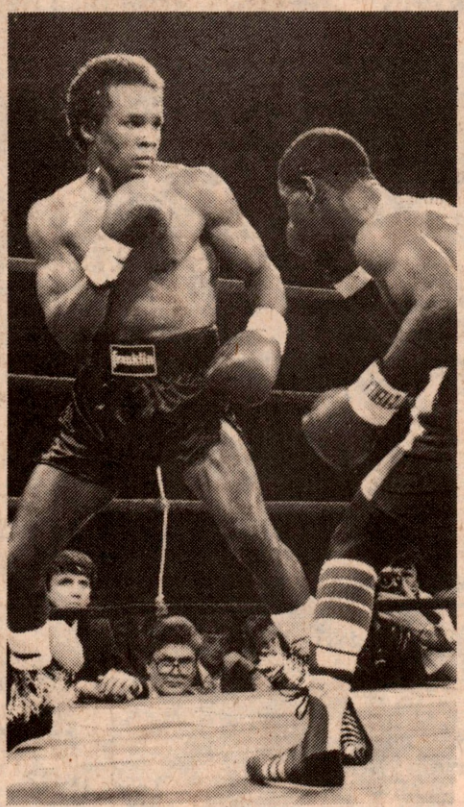
KNOCKDOWNS: 1 **Leonard down:** rd. 4

to his corner at the bell, his face showed a look of confidence for the first time.

Leonard continued to move and throw quick combinations for the first two minutes of round nine. Then came the Leonard left hook, still one of the best in boxing. It snapped Howard's head and sent a spray of water through the air. Howard's legs immediately turned to jelly. Leonard went after him with the same purposefulness with which he finished Hearns and Ayub Kalule and 21 other opponents. However, the sharpness and timing were just not there, and Leonard missed with nearly every punch he threw. When he did land, Howard appeared ready to fall.

When running away didn't work—and Howard could hardly stand, much less run—he wisely grabbed onto Leonard and refused to let go. Then, while Howard was still shaky, but in a clinch and clinging to Leonard, referee Flaherty stopped the fight with :32 remaining in the round.

OF COURSE, HOWARD VEHEMently protested the stoppage, saying, "Sugar knows he got a blessing in the ninth round. He hurt me with his best punch but I shook it off. I don't know why they stopped it." Then he paused and added, "Yes, I do know why. They knew he wasn't going to win unless he knocked me out!" On the contrary, Leonard would have won the decision had the fight gone the limit. At the end of eight rounds, the officials had Leonard leading by scores of 79-77, 78-74 and 77-76. The RING card had it 76-75 for Leonard.



Leonard prepares to move as Howard sets to launch a left hook.

As the fighters were being interviewed by HBO, which showed the bout live, Hagler chimed "I can hardly wait!" in reference to his anticipated fight against Leonard. Twenty minutes later, at the post-fight press conference and after a meeting with Juanita and their son, Ray Jr., Leonard had a surprise for Hagler and everyone else.

"That's it!" he announced. "There's no sense fooling myself or anyone else. I can't go on. It just wasn't there." The "It" referred to by Leonard was his confidence. For the first time in his boxing life, he was apprensive about being hit. The inherent dangers of boxing have suddenly become too real and scary for Leonard. During training, during those controlled workout sessions, those dangers were not apparent. Only during the course of action did those dangers actually slap him in the face and wake him up.

When Howard heard the news that Leonard had retired after earning $3 million for his evening's work, he said puzzledly, "Why'd he do that?" Then, the man whose record had fallen to 20-5-1 added, "Hey, he retired and only one man ever knocked him down—me! Ain't that something!"

That is something. That's also the moment Leonard said he thought about retiring.

"When I went down, I realized I was human. It was a shock to see myself on the canvas. I don't want that happening again. I don't want to embarrass myself. That's it!

And so, Leonard takes a 33-1 record (24 knockouts) into retirement. Do not expect another comeback, or "return," as Leonard called it. This time, Leonard knows it's over. You'll see him on television shows, public appearances and at ringside, but never again in the ring in actual competition. Boxing benefitted from his presence. He brought talent to the sport, and we were mesmorized by it. He also brought class, something the sport needs a lot more of.

The Sugar Ray Leonard story is far from finished. The chapters about Leonard's boxing life, though, are complete.

Washington, D.C. lightweight, Kenny Basmore, *The Ring*'s "Prospect of the Year," turned in the evening's most explosive performance with a third-round blowout of Ruben Munoz. Baysmore, 128½, used a long jab and some vicious right hands to the body to soften up Munoz, 131, Odessa, Tex. Munoz went down from a left-right combination near the end of round two and was saved by the bell. But Baysmore put him back in trouble immediately in round three and hammered Ruben down with a combination along the ropes. Munoz' record dropped to 16-5 as he was counted out by referee Joe Flaherty at the 52 second mark. Baysmore is a perfect 16-0 with 15 knockouts.

Ken Butler, 149, Hyde Park, Md., outpunched Lloyd Taylor, 150, Washington, D.C. to win by a 10-round decision that was surprisingly split. Butler rose to 16-1. Taylor fell to 18-2. Walter Byars refereed.

Doug Mallett, 161, Providence, had an easy time of it, knocking out Anthony Crudup, 160 Hillcrest Heights, Md. at 57 seconds of the third round. Flaherty refereed. Mallett is now 10-1; Crudup is 11-5.

Ben Lawler, 189, Brockton, pretty much beat the hell out of long-haired Jack Cicero, 196, Worcester, throughout most of their six-round contest. But the popular Cicero was the beneficiary of a hometown draw. Cicero's still undefeated at 5-0-1. Lawler's now 2-1-1.

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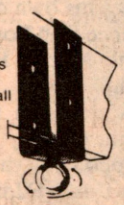

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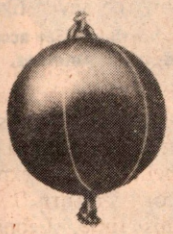

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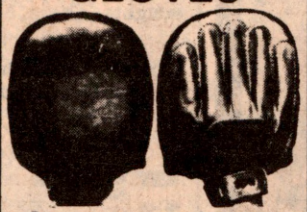

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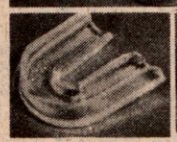

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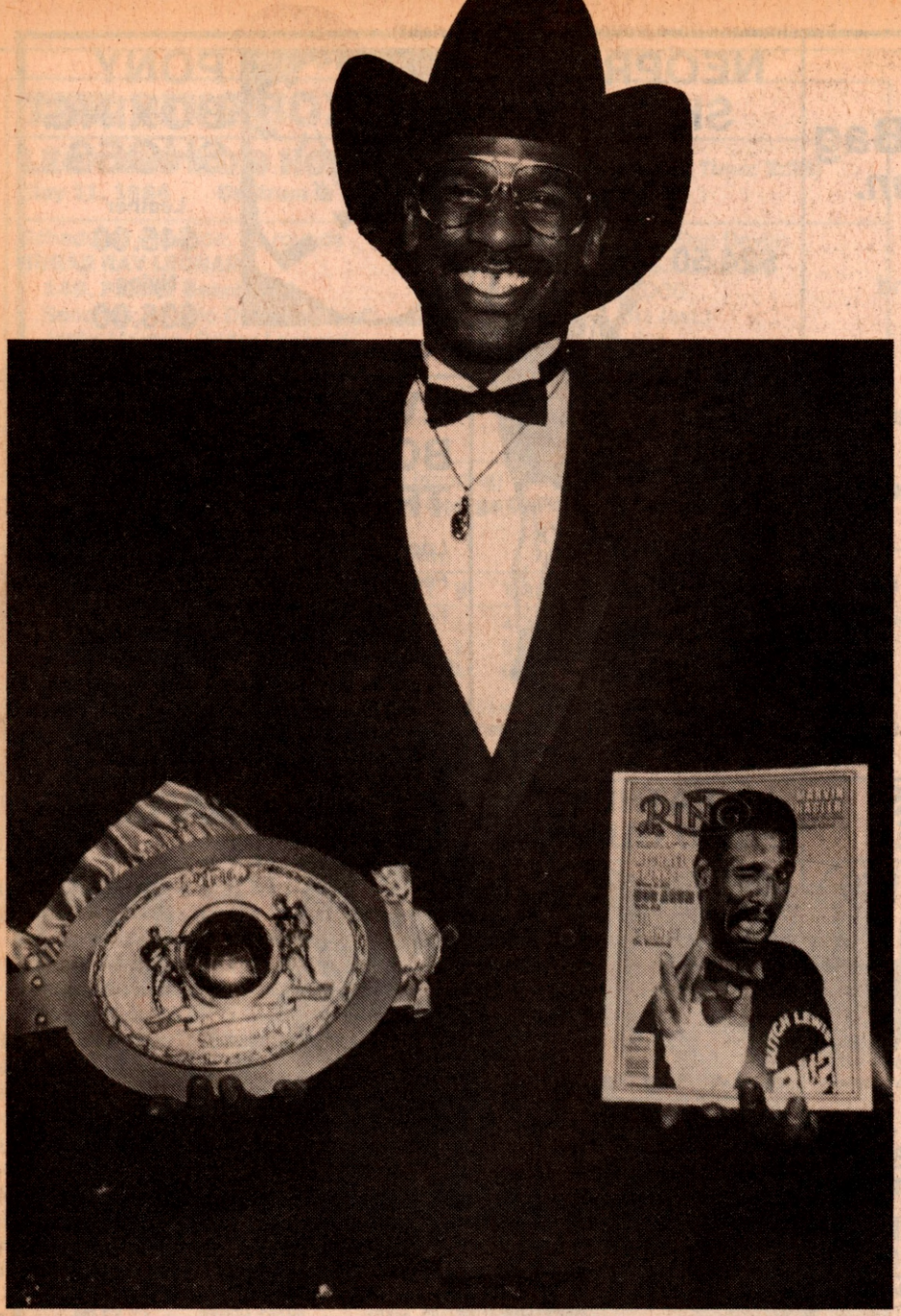


Light Heavy Champ Ready to Step Up

MICHAEL SPINKS EYES A DUEL WITH HISTORY

By DOUG BLACKBURN

THE LAST GUY TO PULL IT OFF was David, and he needed a slingshot to kayo the big fella. Since then, countless others have tried to step up and tangle with the Goliaths, only to fail. Some of the finest fighters of all time, such standouts as Billy Conn, Archie Moore and Bob Foster, tried to bridge the vast chasm separating heavyweights from the rest of the fistic world. But the weight difference proved too great. Each came up short in his moment of truth.*

Perhaps they needed a slingshot. Or perhaps all that's called for is a Spinks Jinx...

Yes, now it's Michael Spinks' turn. And maybe, just maybe, his famed thundering right will do for him what David's slingshot did against Goliath. In any case, the unbeaten and undisputed king of the light heavies intends to find out.

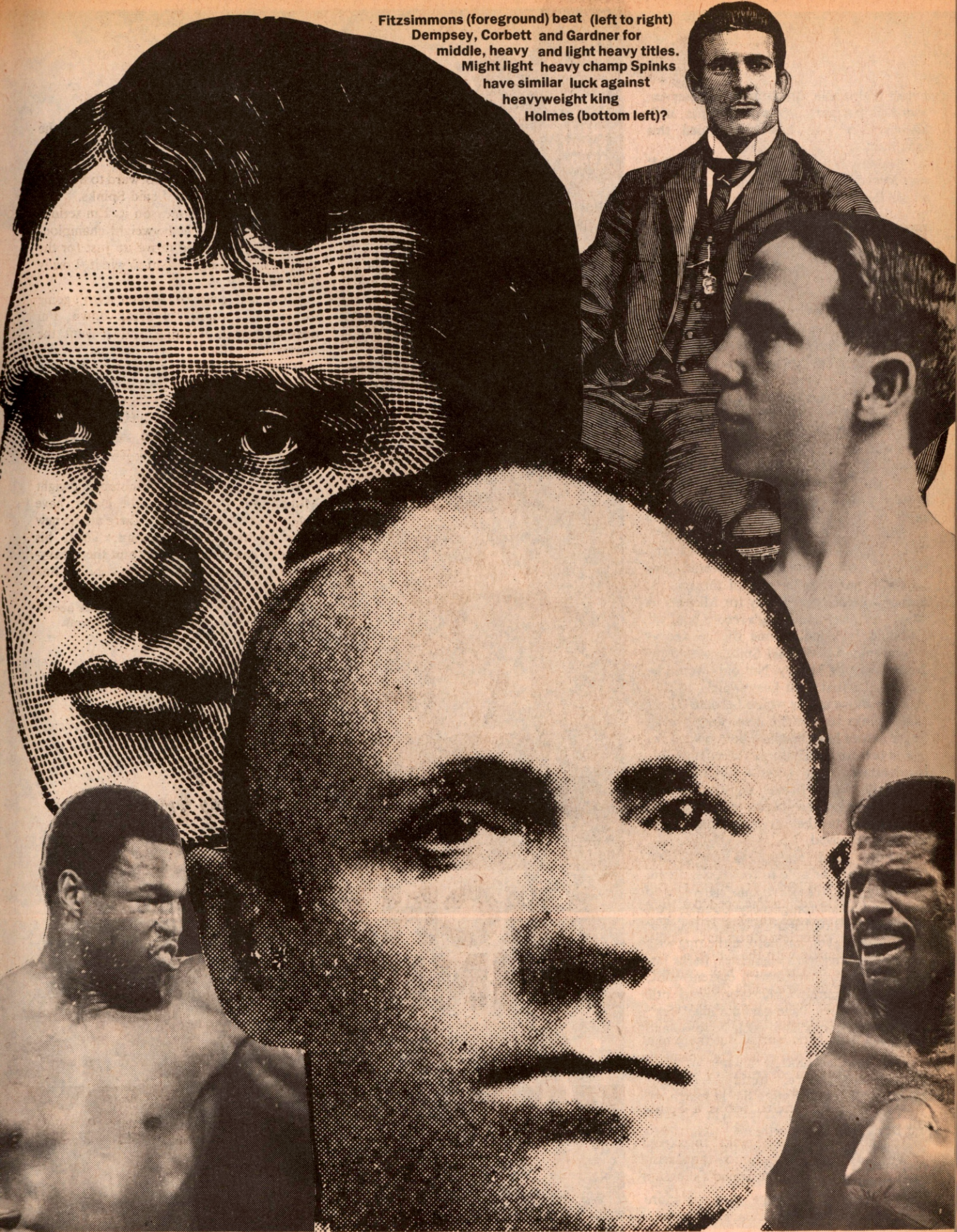
"Everybody can look forward to Michael Spinks moving on up," said Spinks. "You can bet your last money on it. I'm serious about winning the heavyweight championship. I don't want to move up just for the sake of moving up. I want to win it. I really want to win it.

"If someone was to tell me I wasn't going to win it, I think I'd break down. I'm possessed with winning and I want the heavyweight title."

It's all that is left for the 27-year-old warrior. He dominates his own division like no light heavy has since Bob Foster, more than a decade ago. Only Marvin Hagler's rule of the middleweights could be compared among today's fighters in terms of total control of a weight class.

While some opponents, notably Dwight Muhammed Qawi and Eddie Davis, have given Spinks a good battle, there are no new faces to threaten his reign. Thus, his greatest challenge lies within the heavyweights. There, Michael Spinks should find foes who will bring him the seven-figure

***Well, not *everyone* came up short. See accompanying box for note on Bob Fitzsimmons.**


Fitzsimmons (foreground) beat (left to right)
Dempsey, Corbett and Gardner for
middle, heavy and light heavy titles.
Might light heavy champ Spinks
have similar luck against
heavyweight king
Holmes (bottom left)?

purses and media attention he so deserves. More important, he will grapple with history. No man has ever scaled this mountain.

"Making history means a lot to me," says Michael. "It would be great. It says a whole lot. A lot of people have tried and none have done it.

"I really want to try it. I'm excited about taking a crack at the big boys. I'd like to accomplish that feat that nobody's ever accomplished."

BUTCH LEWIS, WHO'S PROMOTED all of Spinks' fights and serves as a close advisor to the champion, is confident Michael can handle the heavyweights. "There's no question in my mind that Michael can beat today's heavyweights. It's not like there are a lot of dangerous guys running around out there, guys who could knock you out with one punch like George Foreman and Joe Frazier (who shattered Foster's hopes of making history with a devastating second round kayo in 1971) ten years ago," reasons Lewis.

"I believe Michael could knock out Larry Holmes. And I don't think he would have any problems with the rest of those guys. This is a great opportunity for Michael to establish himself in boxing's record books."

Should he conquer one of the heavyweight champs, Michael Spinks would indeed make ring history. Not only would he become the first light heavyweight to successfully move up, he would become the second Spinks to win the heavyweight title. Never before have brothers both owned the prized belt for the champion of champions. Incidentlaly, with Leon's fighting days seemingly over, Michael no longer finds himself torn between his career and that of his troubled brother. A major distraction has been removed.

There's good reason to think that Michael might be able to realize his dream of moving up. The St. Louis native, who now resides in Montgomery County, Pa., just outside Philadelphia where he trains at Joe Frazier's gym, has been in the ring with some of the division's big names. In the last few years he's sparred with current WBC champion Timmy Witherspoon and title challengers Greg Page and Randy "Tex" Cobb. And Spinks liked what he saw—and did.

"I hit Tex Cobb and he told me, 'You had me blinkin' there, buddy,'" laughs Michael. "He said I put a dip in his knees.

"I worked with Witherspoon in '82 and I did fairly well. I did extremely well, to tell you the truth. He knew I was there and I got respect. I was impressed with my performance.

"I'd have to say Page gave me more problems than the other two. He's just too

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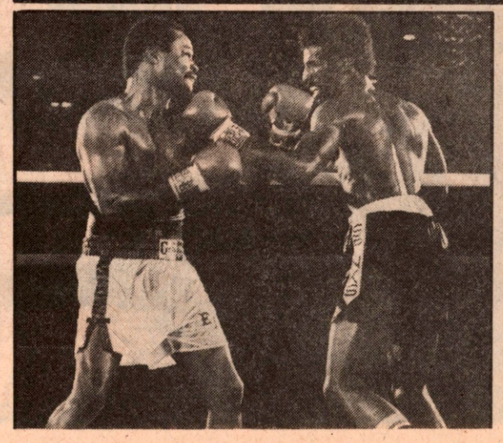
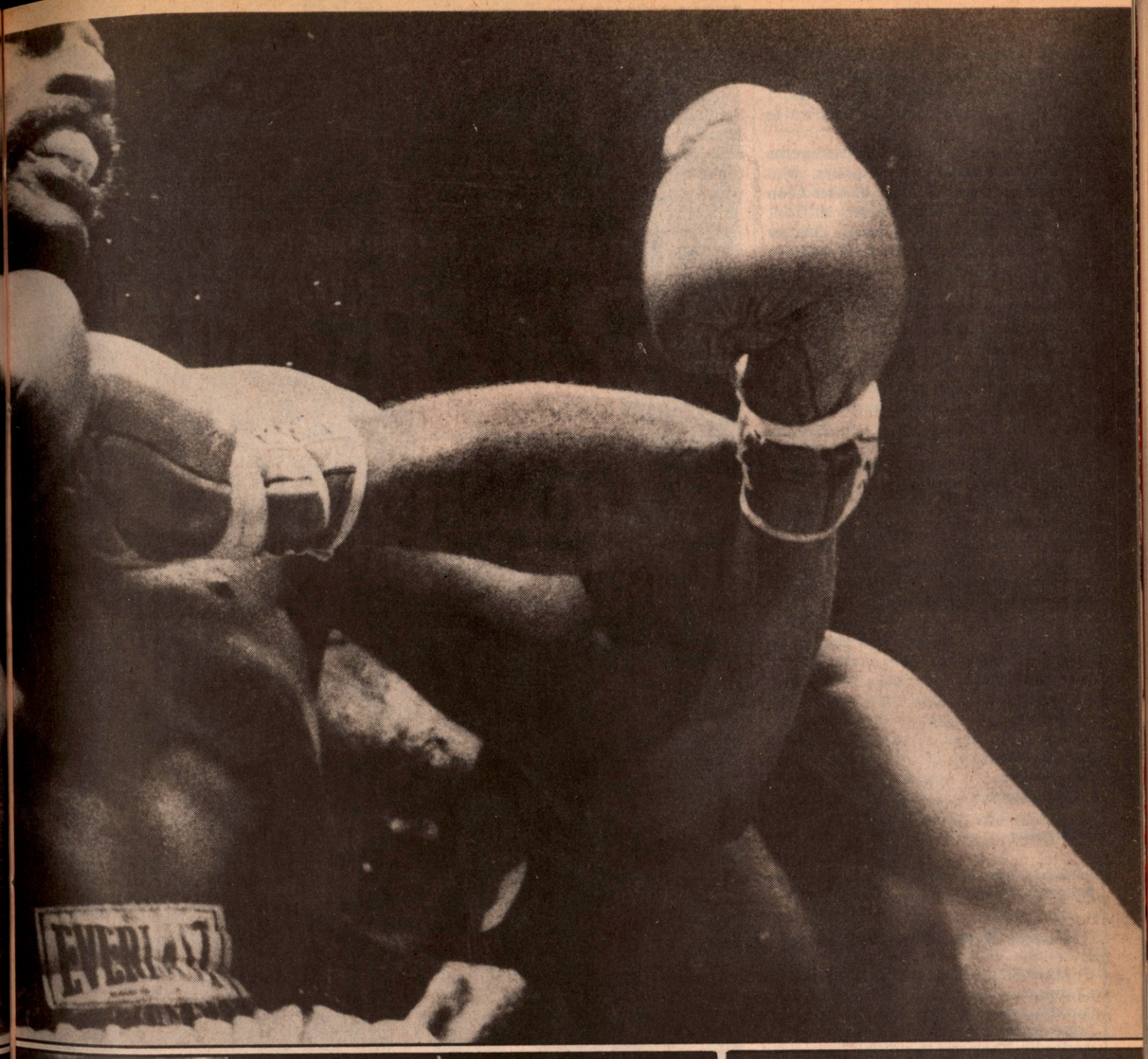
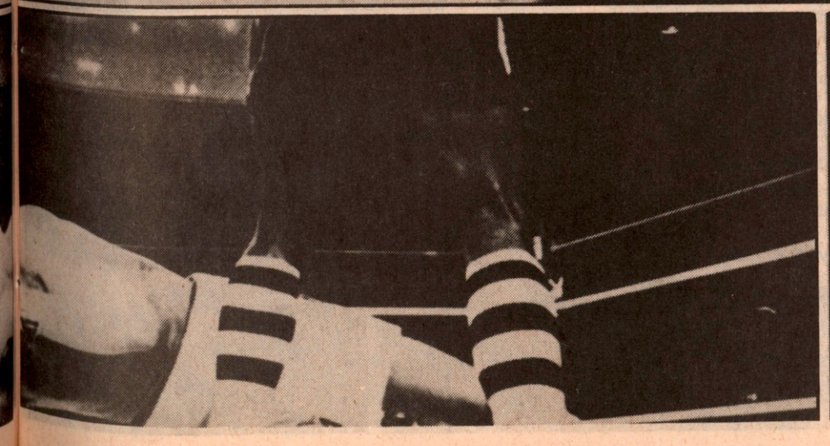
Spinks unifies the title by outpointing Dwight Braxton (right) in March, 1983. Spinks won the WBA belt by outscoring Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in July, 1981 (below left). Murray Sutherland fell in round eight (below center) in April, 1982, Spinks' third title defense. His first major victory was a seventh round stoppage of Yaqui Lopez (below right) in October, 1980.







big. He tried to hurt me. I landed some good punches, but Page just had too much body. Between Witherspoon and Page, I don't think Witherspoon hits as hard as Page."

The heavyweight who most concerns Spinks is unbeaten Larry Holmes, who three years ago knocked out brother Leon in three rounds. "Larry is a very difficult opponent. I don't know how my chances would be with Larry. I'd give it all I had. I'd attack him the same way I've attacked my other opponents. Larry doesn't commit himself too much and I'd like to get him to show himself. If you get him to exchange, you can get Larry when he's sleeping. But I think my chances are good with almost anyone I face."

One man who isn't too keen on Michael Spinks' spirited stab at history is Bob Foster, the last light heavy champ to try, and, of course, fail. Besides his second round knockout loss to Frazier, Foster also was stopped in eight by Muhammad Ali.

"IT'S TOO BIG A JUMP," warns Foster. "If I was to give Michael Spinks a message, I'd tell him to stay in the light heavyweights. I think he's cutting his own throat. I think he ought to leave those heavyweights alone.

10 Light Heavyweight Champions Who Tried (And Failed) To Win Heavyweight Title . . .

	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jack Root	July 3, '05	Marvin Hart	Reno	KO by 12
***Philadelphia Jack O'Brien**	Nov. 28, '06	Tommy Burns	Los Angeles	D 20
	May 8, '07	Tommy Burns	Los Angeles	L 20
	May 19, '09	Jack Johnson	Philadelphia	ND 6
***Georges Carpentier**	July 2, '21	Jack Dempsey	Jersey City	KO by 4
Tommy Loughran	Mar. 1, '34	Primo Carnera	Miami	L 15
***John Henry Lewis**	Jan. 25, '39	Joe Louis	New York	KO by 1
Billy Conn	June 18, '41	Joe Louis	New York	KO by 13
	June 9, '46	Joe Louis	New York	KO by 8
Gus Lesnevich	Aug. 10, '49	Ezzard Charles	New York	KO by 8
***Joey Maxim**	May 30, '51	Ezzard Charles	Chicago	L 15
***Archie Moore**	Sep. 21, '55	Rocky Marciano	New York	KO by 9
	Nov. 30, '56	Floyd Patterson	Chicago	KO by 5
***Bob Foster**	Nov. 18, '70	Joe Frazier	Detroit	KO by 2

Asterisk (*) indicates fighter was reigning light heavyweight champion when he challenged for heavyweight crown.

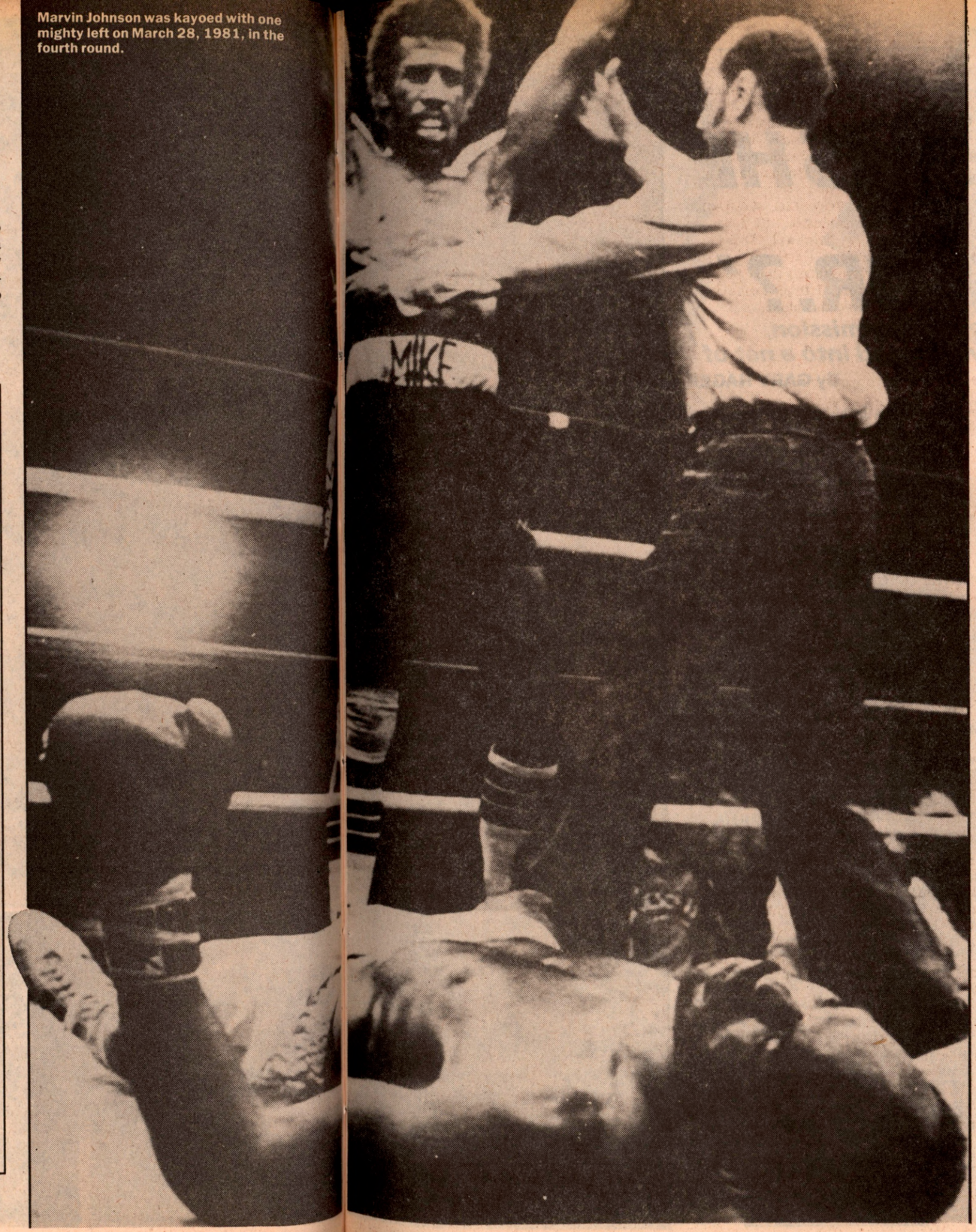
. . . An One Who Made It

IF MICHAEL SPINKS BRIDGES THE WEIGHT GAP AND WINS THE HEAVYWEIGHT Championship, he will be following in the nearly 90-year-old footsteps of Bob Fitzsimmons. Boxing writers have long maintained that *no* light heavyweight king has ever accomplished the feat, but their objection to Fitzsimmons is at best, overly pedantic. They say that Ruby Robert did not win the light heavyweight title until *after* he held the heavyweight crown. That's true, but the light heavyweight title did not even exist until after the Cornwaller won the Heavyweight Championship. When Fitzsimmons was campaigning in the 1890s, the division below heavyweight was middleweight. And Fitz did win the world championship in that class before moving up and capturing the heavyweight prize.

Herewith, Bob Fitzsimmons' amazing title sequence:

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	
Jan. 14, 1891	Jack Dempsey	New Orleans	KO 13	Won World **Middleweight** Title
Mar. 17, 1897	James J. Corbett	Carson City	KO 14	Won World **Heavyweight** Title
Nov. 25, 1903	George Gardner	San Francisco	W 20	Won World **Light Heavyweight** Title

Marvin Johnson was kayoed with one mighty left on March 28, 1981, in the fourth round.



"For the first few rounds it's all right, but those heavyweights are a different story after that. Getting hit by someone so much heavier makes a difference, a big difference. You know you're going to be hit sometime, and when those heavyweights hit you, you know it. There's no comparison. The hardest hook I've ever been hit with is the one Joe Frazier hit me with.

"It's never been done," Foster concludes, "and it never will be."

Nevertheless, Michael Spinks, the only one of the United States' five gold medal winners in 1976 who remains unbeaten, the only current world champion from that quintet, can't be blamed for wanting to try. And it's not as if he's going into his new venture without any thought as to the possible consequences. Tangling with the heavyweights is something that's been on his mind for a long time.

"Sure, I have second thoughts," he admits. "But I'm sure I have the ability. I just need to get myself really confident and really prepared mentally. I'm taking my time taking on the task. I need to find a comfortable weight I can stay at for 15 rounds. I think it would be around 190 pounds. There, I'd be comfortable and swift."

Spinks, who plans to be through with the sport in three years, says he has an idea how to attack the big fellas: "You've got to stay out of the way, make 'em miss and make 'em pay. With big guys you have to work the body, right in the center of the stomach. I'd try to establish things in the first round. Going 15 rounds with a 240 pound man against my 190 would be detrimental to me. I need to get them to cooperate with me and fight at my pace—but big guys aren't easy to convince."

For the personable champ, who thus far has always found a way to win, going one-on-one with history is undoubtedly the greatest challenge of his sterling career. Curiously, he isn't concerned with tackling the cruiserweights as a stepping stone to the heavyweight crown. Cruiserweight king Carlos DeLeon, who also waxed brother Leon, could be an attractive fight, but as Michael says, "I can't go around trying to beat everyone who ever beat Leon."

As for the cruisers, Spinks views that division more as an afterthought. "The heavyweight title means more to me than the cruiserweight and beating a heavyweight contender means more than beating the cruiserweight champion. If I fight the cruiser champion, it'll probably be on my way back down, just for the heck of it.

"What I want, what I really want," stresses the man preparing to duel with history, "is to fight for the heavyweight title. I want to do what no one's ever done."

No one since David, that is. And he needed a slingshot.

TYRONE CRAWLEY: IS HE 'HOWARD DAVIS JR. JR.?'

Suspended by the New Jersey commission, "The Butterfly" may have floated into a net of his own creation.

By GARY NAGER

Crawley and manager, Molovinksy are caught in battle with Top Rank.

IN A DIVISION THAT IS ARGUABLY the most competitive in the game, 25-year-old Philadelphia lightweight, Tyrone "The Butterfly" Crawley may have the talent that should take him to the top. Of course, several years back we heard a similar story about one Howard Davis Jr. Alas, Davis lost in a WBC title fight in 1980 and though he's won all of his bouts since, he's been stymied from getting another crack at the crown. Admittedly, Davis' independence and obvious skills have caused champions to avoid him, but Howard's own erratic behavior has contributed to his problems. The Long Islander's series of fight cancellations and lawsuit-inducing managerial and promotional changes have earned him a reputation as at best, unreliable, and at worst, a troublemaker.

Tyrone Crawley may turn out to be the second coming of Howard Davis Jr.—"Howard Davis Jr. Jr." Like the 1976 Olympic gold medalist, Tyrone is a top-notch boxer who wins most of his matches with finesse, rather than power (Davis has only 10 kayos in his 25-1 pro record and Crawley has polished off just four opponents inside the distance in putting together his 15-1 log). Like Davis, Crawley has fast hands and fast feet, making him hard to catch.

Crawley's resemblance to Davis doesn't start and end inside the ring. Regrettably for Tyrone, he is fast developing a reputation for being as much of a "head case" as the 28-year-old Davis. In fact, the two mirror images have been signed to fight each other on two occasions, with each head case, er, fighter, pulling out of one bout. In April, the New Jersey Athletic Commission hit Crawley with an indefinite suspension after Tyrone ducked out of another signed, scheduled fight in Atlantic City, claiming physical reasons and then stood up the commission's doctor who was supposed to check him out.

Teddy Brenner and Bruce Trampler, matchmakers for Bob Arum's Top Rank, the company which has been promoting Crawley and has him under contract, say that that pullout was only the latest in a series of irresponsible acts which an ungrateful Tyrone has perpetrated on them this year. Crawley and his manager, Brent Molovinsky, admit that Tyrone has made a few mistakes but insist that Brenner and Trampler have overreacted to an innocent series of coincidences and lied to the press about Tyrone. Molovinsky and Crawley say they are confident, however, that the problems will be ironed out and that "The Butterfly" will capture one of the three lightweight crowns — WBA, WBC or IBF—that are out there.

FOR CLOSE TO TWO YEARS following ing his pro debut, Tyrone Crawley seemed a longshot to develop into a major lightweight threat. The curious "Butterfly" nickname seemed to fit him all too well. Of course,

Tyrone signals he's number 1, but irresponsible behavior may damage his career. Inset: The "Butterfly" whips Gene Hatcher.

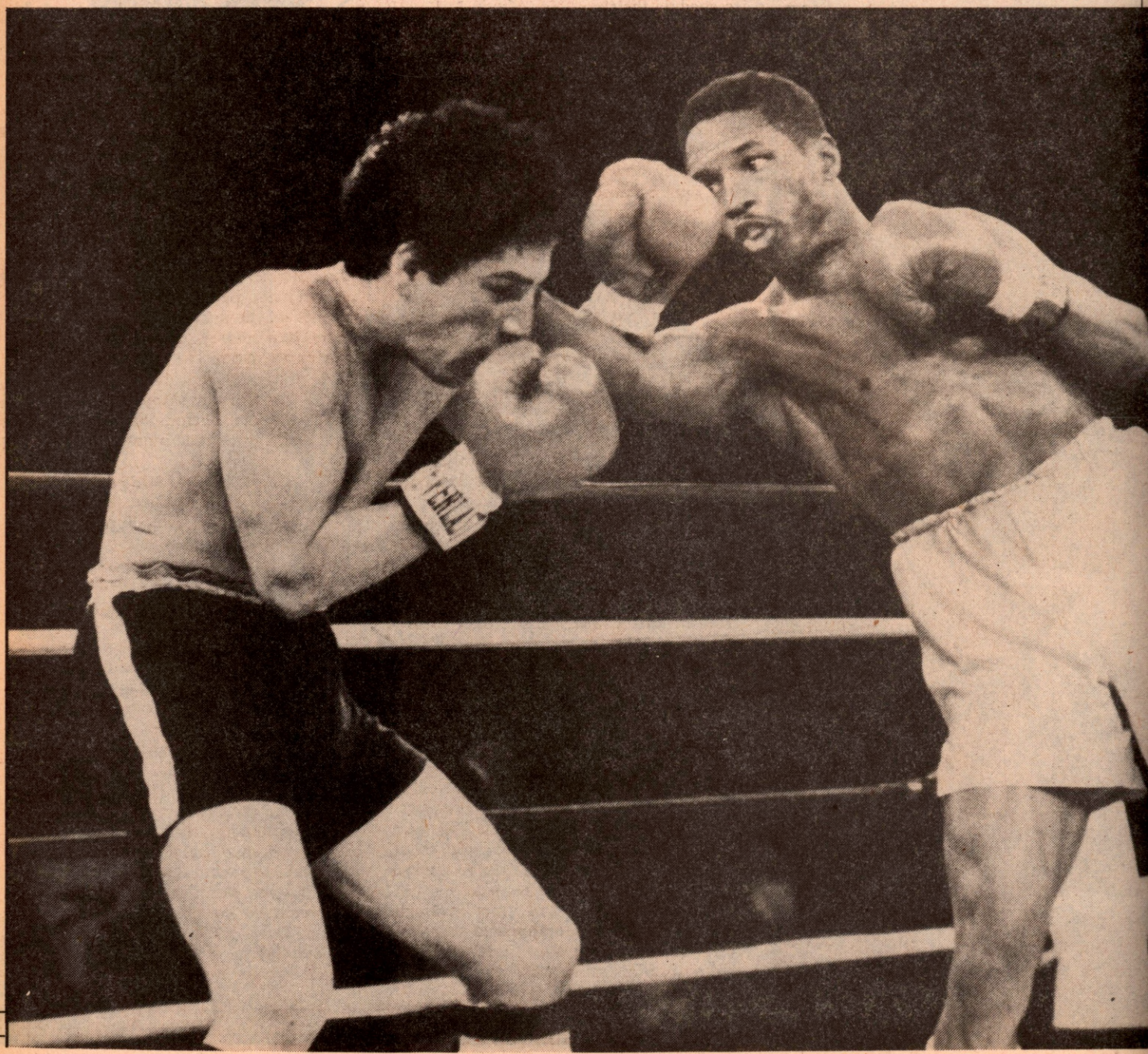
Muhammad Ali was known to "Float like a butterfly...", but that came with a rejoinder, namely: "Sting like a bee!" Crawley, however, didn't seem to have the sting to back up the float.

But in September, 1982, Crawley turned in a gutty performance to whip the hard-punching Al "Earthquake" Carter over 12 rounds to win something called the ESPN lightweight title. Tyrone's display impressed the experts, notably NBC fight maven Ferdie Pacheco, who accepted a match six weeks later between Crawley and the then-unbeaten Fort Worth, Texas, brawler, Gene Hatcher. Tyrone cut up and outclassed Hatcher over 10 rounds to gain even more notice. However, Tyrone may have been reading too many of his press clippings before he went out and lost his ESPN belt (his first pro loss) on points to Melvin "The Tank" Paul. "The Tank" crowded "The Butterfly" through the 12 rounds, neutralizing Crawley's speed advantage. Crawley had gone into the fight with a severely inflamed hand. Afterwards, he found out he had fought with a broken thumb.

Crawley bounced back with two more televised victories. Then, on ESPN's "Saturday Night At The Fights," Crawley was there strictly as an "opponent." His foe that October, 1983, afternoon was Top Rank's valuable asset, the fearsome, hard-hitting "Rockin'" Robin Blake, the WBA's number one contender. Blake was in line for a mandatory challenge against WBA titleholder Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini. If Blake wasn't threatening enough under any circumstances, Crawley had the added pressure of having to take him on in Levelland, Texas, Blake's hometown.

"My fiancé, Belinda, had seen Blake fight on TV," says Crawley. "She's the one who convinced me to fight him, even though they insisted on putting it in Levelland. I was surprised that Blake would risk his guaranteed shot at Mancini by fighting me. I guess they figured I was no big threat because I'm not supposed to be a big hitter."

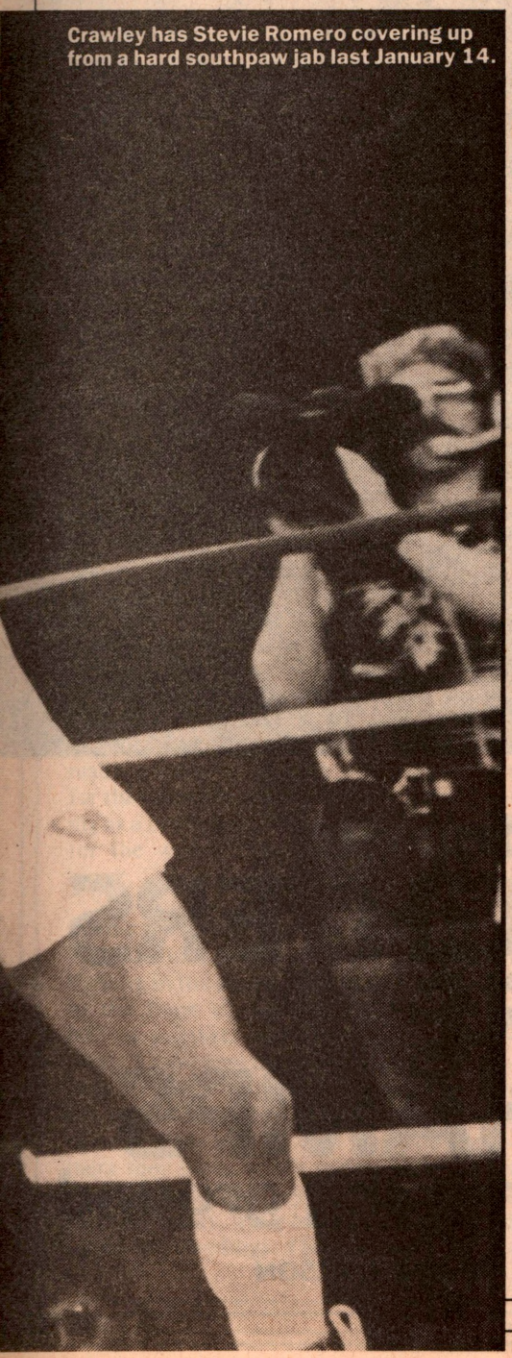
But Tyrone turned in the masterpiece of his young career, thoroughly befuddling Blake while exposing all of Robin's shortcomings. "All those people screaming for Blake spurred me on," recalls Crawley. "It



made me really want to whip him. I remember hurting him real bad in the third round and I knew I could hurt him again. He couldn't handle it at all when I turned southpaw." Tyrone won a runaway decision after 10 rounds.

The win moved Crawley into everyone's lightweight top 10. In addition, it put him in a class by himself—albeit a giant step below Marvelous M. Hagler—as the second best switch hitter in the sport. Not bad for a guy who can't punch.

THE CRAWLEY TROUBLES started three months later, in January of this year, when Tyrone was scheduled to fight Howard Davis in Atlantic City. Just three days before the scheduled Sunday afternoon national TV bout, Davis called the promoter, Top Rank, claimed he had 103° fever, and pulled out.



Crawley has Stevie Romero covering up from a hard southpaw jab last January 14.

Top Rank, very much the aggrieved party in this soap opera, substituted the unknown Steve Romero for Davis. Says Bruce Trampler: "CBS cut our fee 50 percent because Romero isn't a 'quality' fighter. But we still paid Crawley the same $60,000 that he was supposed to get for fighting Davis." Crawley knocked out the overmatched Romero in round six. According to the Top Rank matchmakers, Tyrone has been nothing but a headache ever since.

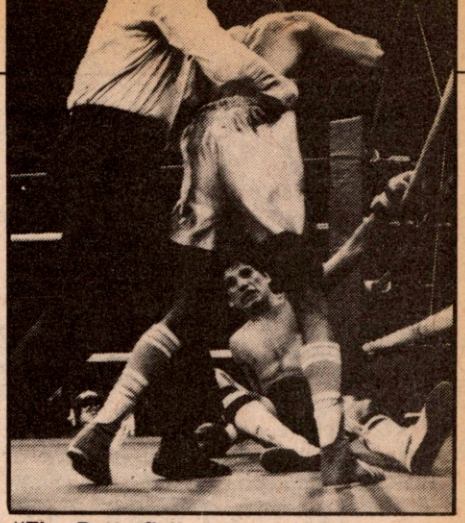
After Crawley polished off Romero, Top Rank got his and Davis' agreement to reschedule their bout for March 3. But 10 days before that date, Tyrone called up and said he couldn't fight because he wanted to visit his daughter in South Carolina. "I told him we'd fly his daughter in, special," sayd Trampler. "But Crawley said, 'Davis pulled out last time. Now he can wait for me.'"

Crawley now says that he pulled out of that fight because of a sore right hand that has been plaguing him since the Melvin Paul fight. "After the Romero fight I saw a doctor. The hand was bruised real bad. It took me out of training. That's when I decided to see my daughter. And Molovinsky claims that Davis had never actually signed the second contract and probably would have pulled out again. "I don't think Davis really wanted to fight us," says Tyrone's manager, trying to deflect the blame.

When Crawley decided that he had made everyone wait long enough, he signed to fight clubfighter Efrain Nieves in a Top Rank ESPN show. But, according to Trampler, after seeing a tape of one of Nieves' fights, Tyrone changed his mind. According to Trampler, Crawley said that "Nieves is too tough. I want an easier opponent." The promoters stood their ground until Crawley came back with a new claim, that he could no longer make the 135-pound limit called for in the contract, because of some heavy workouts on Nautilus machines that he had been doing.

Top Rank then put in Danny Sanchez, a 140-pounder from Miami, as Crawley's opponent. But after seeing films of Sanchez, Crawley called back and said that he didn't want the fight because Sanchez was the type of fighter who makes him look bad. Teddy Brenner says that Molovinsky called him and said, "You better get us another opponent or Tyrone will get sick."

Brenner refused and sure enough, Crawley got sick. He appeared at a Top Rank show toting a note from his doctor attesting to his claim that he had injured his knees running in a 10-kilometer road race in Philadelphia. Tyrone now swears the injury was legit. "I run that race every year," says Crawley, but now that the people know me, I ran much too hard, to impress them."



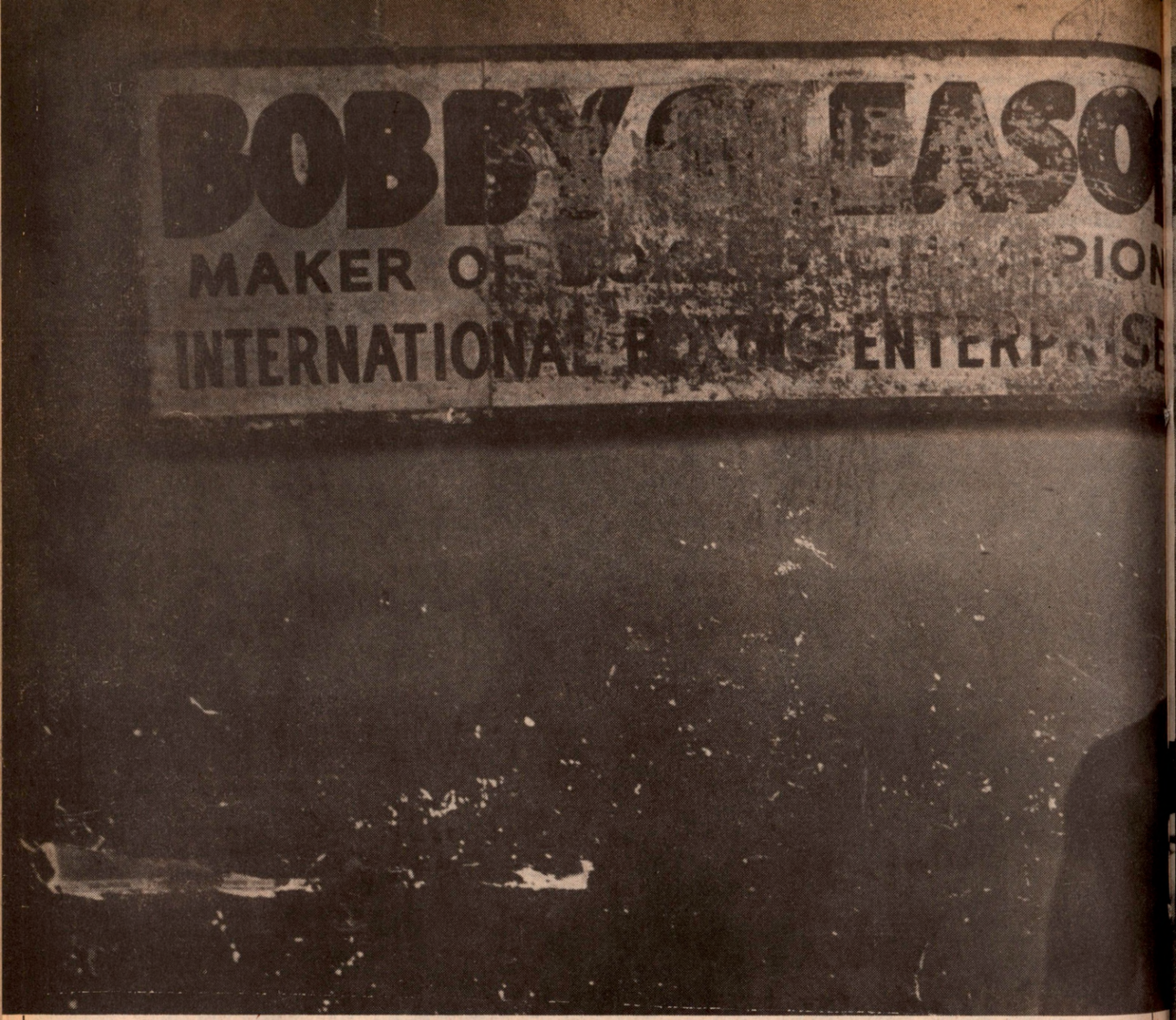
"The Butterfly" stopped highly-regarded Romero in round 6.

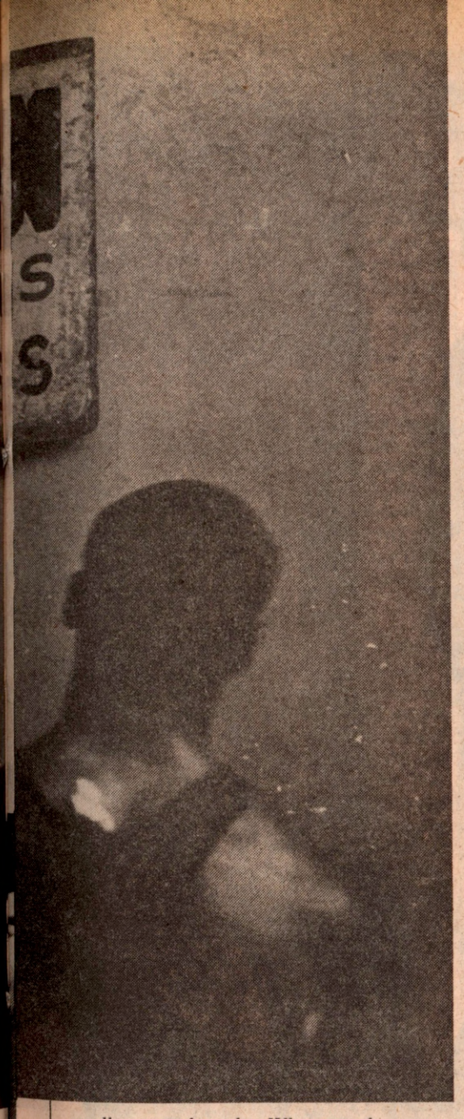
But Brenner says that Crawley answered "Yes," when Teddy asked him, "do you think your knees might feel better if we give you a choice of three opponents to pick from?" However the offering—Alvin Hayes, Terrence Alli, or a rematch with Melvin Paul—proved decidedly untheraputic. Brenner says that Crawley told him he would not fight a black guy, "only a white or maybe a Latin."

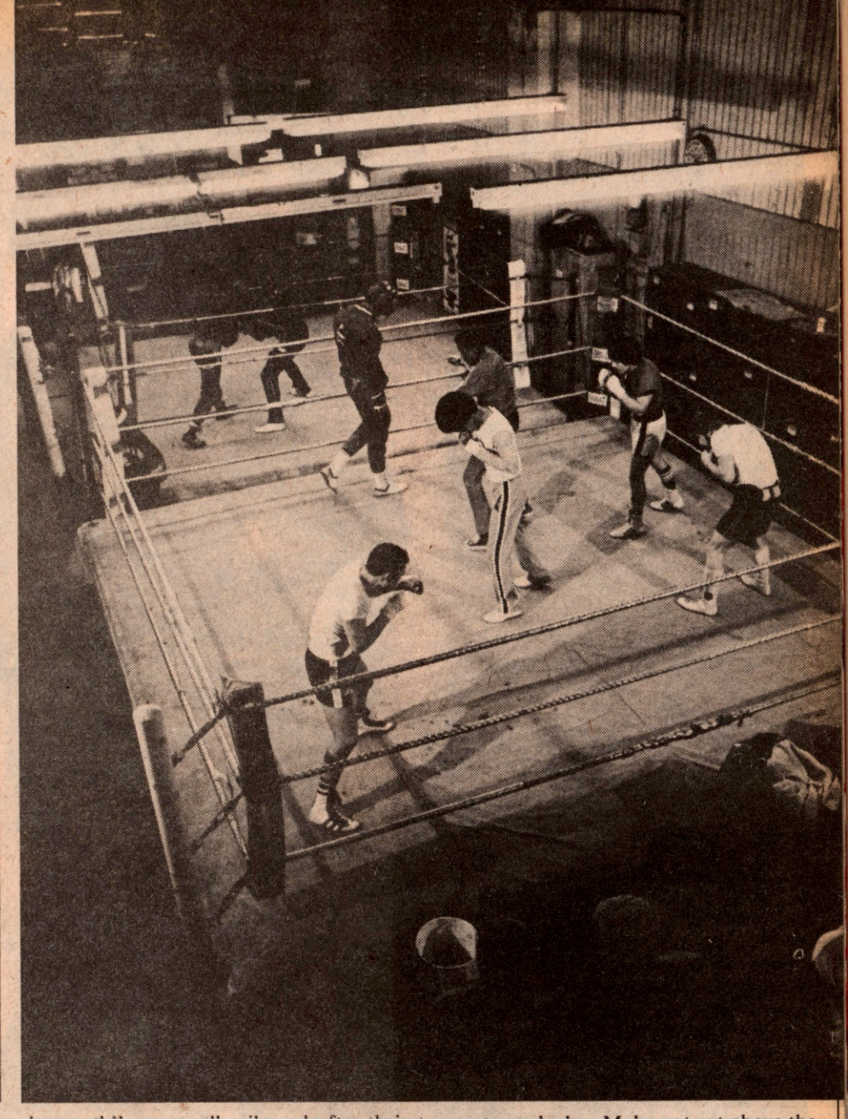
The New Jersey commission ordered Crawley to submit to a routine medical check, to verify that he was unable to fight. After Crawley skipped the appointment with the doctor, the commission suspended Tyrone indefinitely.

WHEN CRAWLEY'S SUSPENSION IS lifted, he will have to make good on the $5,000 fight that he owes Top Rank. He and his manager bristle at the impression that they feel has been unfairly created. "We would never duck Nieves or Sanchez or anyone," says Molivinsky. Look at Tyrone's list of opponents. He got ranked because he fought and beat the best fighters, even in the fights he wasn't 'supposed' to win. If Top Rank stops this suspension business we can get back to fighting again. Tyrone can still make 135, but we're not going to fight the scale for an Efrain Nieves. We wanted an over-the-weight fight to see how Tyrone handles the weight if he decides to move up."

Sound familiar again? The way the business works, unless you're the number 1 contender, you can rant and rave all you want, but you won't get a title shot unless the promoters consider you cooperative. Howard Davis Jr. found that out the hard way and Tyrone Crawley may be painting himself into the same corner. ■







IN THE GYM, FIGHTERS ARE CHAMPS

A former contender finds a wide gap between the training ground and the arena.

By RAY J. ELSON

THE DECISION TO BECOME A PROfessional boxer involves the same thought processes as choosing any other career. Even when you're just a child or teenager you may be fascinated by a particular boxer's style, which sparks the flame. But, if you go in for that line of work you must be willing to pay the necessary dues. Of course, there are those who have been pushed into a particular field either by their parents or by someone they look up to, but later on, discovered it's not what they really wanted to do. Whatever the reason for the "spark," once you have chosen boxing as a profession, you have to be prepared for the way of life that comes with the career.

Ray Elson of the Bronx, N.Y. is best remembered for going 8 rounds with WBA light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez in a non-title bout in 1975. Elson, who retired in '79 with a pro ring record of 16-4-1, now works with Mustafa Hamsho and other fighters at the Grammercy Gym in New York.

Some young persons are convinced that boxing is the only way out of the ghetto or other difficulties in their lives. Rather than fighting in the streets, they search out a gym in the hope of becoming that one-in-a-million pugilist, that champion of champions. I have seen many of these young warriors climb the stairs at the Gramercy Gym for the past 10 years, all of whom dream dreams. They walk in with whatever equipment they have, which most of the time is just the sneakers they have on. Some of them are cocky, while others are intimidated by the surroundings. Those who are "mostly mouth" are usually silenced after their first three rounds of sparring, after which the braggarts fail to return to the gym.

Of course, there are exceptions. One fellow I met in the mid-'70s, Mike Miles, did a lot of mouthing off about how he'd do this and that in the ring when it came his time to spar. I listened to his talk every afternoon until one day he just sat in the gym without saying a word. I asked him why he was so quiet all of a sudden and he said, "I sparred today and found out it's a whole lot different then just watchin' and talkin' about it." So, Mike dummied up and concentrated on his boxing, and he went on to become the 1978 N.Y. Golden Gloves Open Champ.

Kevin Mohn left his home in Virginia at 18 to become a fighter in New York. He had three pro fights. After his third bout, which was stopped when Mohn got cut above the eye, he realized that fighting wasn't for him. But, he continued to train while he sought out another profession. While he was looking, the motion picture *The Raging Bull* was shot at the Gramercy Gym. Robert De Niro, who played Jake LaMotta, took a liking to Kevin, who went on to portray Tony Janiro in the movie. Janiro was a middleweight who went on to win the title after losing to LaMotta. De Niro liked Mohn so much that he also used Kevin as his aide in the scenes before the shooting began. After that, Kevin went on to take acting classes and beat out over 100 other actors for the lead in the TV movie *Fighting Back*, the real-life story of Curtis Sliwa, the leader of the Guardian Angels. Thanks to boxing, Kevin Mohn found himself a new career.

For awhile, it seemed as though John "The Heat" Verderosa would become a world champion. As it turned out, "The Heat" was champ only of the New York gyms.

However, not everyone is as fortunate as these two gentlemen in the boxing business. For everyone who makes it in boxing (or by boxing), there are thousands who never do. There are fighters who have great potential, but never demonstrate it when it counts. In the Gramercy gym alone there are about 10 or 15 fellows with enough ability to become champion. But, most of these guys never live up to the potential they display in training and sparring. These are the boxers known as "gym fighters" or "gym champs." In the gym there's no pressure on these guys, so they relax and perform. But, take one of those same fighters and put him in with your basic club fighter in a small tank town ring, and you have a life and death struggle on your hands. Suddenly, boxing is no longer just a workout, where the gym champ feels relaxed and does what comes natural. The better fighters will rise to the occasion and execute what they have learned in training but the "gym champ" will tighten up.

A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A "GYM champ" is Gerry Cooney. Maybe I should say he "was" a perfect example — not because he's improved on his gym heroics — but because he's no longer even *in* the gym. Gerry had been known as a puncher until Larry Holmes showed that Cooney destroyed most of his opponents in three rounds or less because they kept running their faces into Gerry's gloves as hard as they could. Larry Holmes refused to cooperate. Gerry just didn't know what the hell to do under the pressure-filled conditions of fighting for the heavyweight title. The point is that it didn't matter how hard Gerry had hit the heavy bag or how many sparring partners he KO'd in the gym. He's a real killer in the gym. That's fine if he can do it in a real fight, too, but it doesn't mean a hill of beans if he's only a gym champ. What *does* matter is that the fighter learns something during the day-to-day hum-drum sparring sessions. Then he has to take what he has learned and exhibit it on "test day" — the day or night at a *real* fight. And it's not only the win that matters, because a fighter can learn even more from a loss than from a win if he has the moxie to come back.

Although Gerry Cooney never took his schoolwork with him into a real test, it seems in the Philadelphia gyms every day is test day. Whoever formulated the training curriculum in Philly should be banned. If you're thinking about becoming a fighter, Philly's not the place to begin your career because it may end before it even gets off the ground. Philadelphia fighters have a tough reputation to live up to. It's hard enough going to the gym every day to train, but in Philly, it's going to the gym every day to make war. For some reason, a fighter has to "prove he belongs" in Philadelphia. They think they have to earn their scars in the gym or they'll get kicked out. For example, one recent world champ, Matthew Saad Muhammad, had some real tough fights on TV, but he'll tell you those fights on the tube were picnics compared to his gym workouts. The feeling in Philly is that if you're good enough to make it through the everyday training sessions, a real fight should be no problem. But, if the fighters in Philly are so tough, how come so few champs come out of the gyms there? The answer is that in order to win a title you need the experience and ability to beat the contenders. Most fighters gain this experience from their *fights* as they climb to the top. In Philadelphia, the feeling is you gain the necessary experience in the gym wars. Unfortunately, by the time a Philly fighter is ready to be a contender, he's usually burnt out already and just doesn't have enough left. A lot of their fighters *are* potential champs, but they leave most of their ability in the gym. Saad was a notable exception who had a little more resilience and was able to gain his world title *before* the gym wars caught up with him.

Unfortunately for Saad and so many other Philadelphia warriors, they were never taught that the gym is the school where you learn your trade, not an arena in which to exhibit yourself. The real champs save that something "extra" for the fight night. It is important to live and train correctly if you are a professional fighter. You have to be ready to give 110 percent every fight. Training day in and day out puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the body and the anticipation of an upcoming fight causes even more stress, which is why a fighter has to learn to conserve himself in training. It isn't necessary to maul a sparring partner, it is important to control him.

THE LATE PADDY FLOOD, A WELL-schooled manager and trainer, once told me that a good fighter who has the equipment and knows the ropes also knows he doesn't have to prove anything in the gym—he'll show it when it counts, in the fights. These are the fighters who go on to become champs. What Paddy knew and Rapaport and Jones obviously don't is that you can hit the bags all you want, jump a mean rope, shadow box until your shadow gets tired and spar ten rounds a day and all it will win you is nothing — except the gym championship. The trainer is often the one at fault, because it's his job to mold the young pugilist into a well-oiled fighting machine. Unfortunately, the roles sometimes get reversed and the fighter takes over and controls the trainer. The fighter then does what he wants both in and out of the ring. This is a dangerous role reversal, and is usually one of the reasons why a fighter starts to become a gym fighter. The trainer must see to it that both parties understand their respective jobs.

Every gym champ reacts to a real bout in a different way. For some, the lack of pressure in the gym means they *don't* tighten up in competition, and are able to relax and execute what they have learned. Some fighters are very fine boxers both in or out of the gym ring, except they don't realize they're no longer wearing the bigger gloves and headgear and go into competition as if they were still in the gym. These gym champs often have the reputation of being slow starters, because it takes them three or four rounds before they realize that this is not a sparring session. These fighters can be jumped on quickly by an alert opponent. The more lackadaisical fighter may find himself back in the locker room taking a shower before the fans even get to their seats.

A young fighter must be willing to go through several different levels before he can be ready for a title shot. On the first level, there's daily floor work — shadow boxing, hitting the bags, jumping rope (if you didn't run that morning), and exercise. That's the easiest level. The second level is the addition of three or four rounds of sparring to the floor work. The third level is the addition of a real fight which puts even greater stress on the fighter than sparring. On the fourth level, which should only come after several level-three bouts, the fighter faces actual contenders, where every fight can translate into a possible title shot or a step backwards or toward retirement. On the fifth level, the fighter finally goes for all the marbles — a world title. The smart manager realizes that each fighter must progress through the different levels at his own pace, and that once he has reached the top, the fighter is really only beginning again, for even the champions must continue to go to school in the gym.

All professional fighters must get used to the routine of sparring. For many, it's the same old humdrum session day in and day out, where the monotony may only be broken if one of the fighers gets cut or thumbed. But, the good fighters learn to relax while sparring — they get their combinations off effectively while avoiding oncoming punches. They learn that they don't have to hit a home run with every punch in order to assert control. It is the gym fighters, like Cooney, who have to put on a gym show to build their own egos. That's why you only have two or three really top-flight boxers in each division. The other ninety-eight percent leave their best work in the gym. But, a properly-trained fighter won't leave his abilities in the gym.

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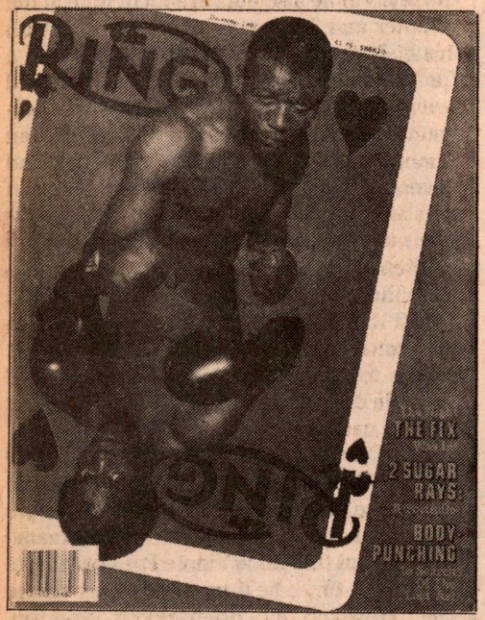

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NEW FACES

By GARY NAGER

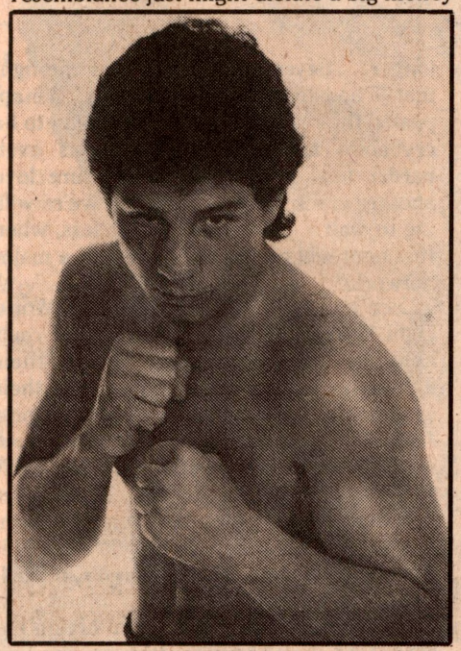
VINNIE PAZIENZA

AS CARTOON CHARACTERS GO, BUGS Bunny is without peer. Of all the people *and* animals out to get him, he fears only one—a whirling destroyer known as the Tasmanian Devil. A similar non-stop fireball is making his way through the lightweight ranks. He looks a lot like WBA Lightweight Champion Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini and it may not be long before Ray has to tangle with the "*Paz*manian Devil," Vinnie Pazienza.

OK, we know you're used to hearing about a new fighter every month in this corner, each with his own nickname, impressive record and credentials and obviously, not all of them go on to bigger and better things. So, you want a sure bet? Well, we don't have a *sure* thing, but we *are* sure that Vinnie Pazienza will get his opportunity to prove himself. He just has a lot of things going in his favor.

The most important intangible as far as a fighter is concerned is obviously talent. Vinnie Paz certainly has enough of that. Maybe you haven't seen him yet on TV, but he does have credentials. He compiled a fine amateur log of 100-12, won several tournaments and a spot on the USA team. He competed in several of the "USA vs. the World" TV shows and won most of the time, but a close decision loss to a Russian that he thought he won encouraged him to forego his dream of a 1984 Olympic Gold and turn pro. Vinnie left the amateur ranks as the top-rated 132 pounder in the U.S.. But, while a lot of guys start their careers with a string of victories, Vinnie Paz (which is his preferred nickname) has already captured the attention of boxing fans and TV networks alike. Since turning pro on May 26, 1983, the 20-year-old "Devil" has whipped 11 straight opponents, none of which has survived the sixth round. Vinnie has yet to be seriously tagged by any of his foes, but he is a very well-conditioned fighter and his fast hands and whirlwind style keep him out of danger.

Because of his speed, his boxing style has been as often likened to that of Hector Camacho as Mancini. But, the Cranston, R.I. native says that Boom-Boom is his man: "Ray told me he wants me to get him ready for when he fights Camacho. He said my style is like Camacho's. I think that's great. I don't like Camacho and Ray is a great guy and I'd like to help him prepare for that fight, if it ever happens." Pazienza met his look-alike last August 16th when Ray was doing color commentary for a Mizlou network show that Vinnie fought on. If Ray is still champ a year or so down the road when Vinnie Paz is ready for prime time, the resemblance just might dictate a big-money



match-up of eastern sluggers. Theresa (Mrs. Aaron) Pryor and numerous fans have already mistaken Vinnie for Ray and their similarities could make for fine TV fireworks.

The two lightweights also have two other men in common—Orlando Romero and Kenny Bogner. Pazienza sparred with Romero while the Peruvian was preparing for his ninth-round KO loss to Mancini last September. Romero's handlers stopped the three-round workout after round two. Vinnie also gave as much as he took in sparring with "Bang-Bang," who was Mancini's scheduled opponent *before* Romero, but Ray's broken collarbone shelved the "explosive" pairing.

One of the most important factors in Vinnie's corner is just that—his corner. His trainer, Tommy Brooks, twice beat Michael Spinks in the amateurs and is considered one of the fine young trainers in the business. More important, the red-hot team of Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel are managing his career. Duva says they are bringing Vinnie along slowly, but adds: "There's no doubt in my mind that Vinnie will take the boxing world like a whirlwind." Vinnie certianly won't mind if he follows in the footsteps of Duva/Finkel teammates Rocky Lockridge and Johnny Bumphus.

Even Vinnie's "story" is an asset to his image. He began boxing at age seven, but drifted away from it into other sports. Then, at age 15, Pazienza was inspired by the first "Rocky" movie and decided the next morning that "I wanted to be a fighter. I've been training ever since." Although he often works out with his Duva stablemates in New Jersey, Vinnie also puts in a lot of time at the "Father and Son" gym he co-manages with his dad, Ange in Providence. Vinnie was a "B" student at Cranston High School and went on to make the Dean's list at the Community College of Rhode Island as an economics major. He's a flashy dresser and loves to go out dancing, *a la* Camacho, and he's well-spoken and a little cocky, but by the same token, he's polite both in and out of the ring (when he won his 1980 AAU Title, Vinnie was also named the winner of the "Fred Small Memorial Trophy" for his sportsmanship in the ring). He says he hopes to put his business education and likeable demeanor to work for him after his boxing career is over.

The Duva team is hoping to land a network (Probably NBC) TV shot for Vinnie sometime in the near future, so more people can find out just how good he is. The "team" is confident that once Vinnie Paz gets a taste of the big time, he'll go all the way to the top. So, watch out "Boom-Boom," you too, "Macho Man"—the Pazmanian Devil is most definitely on the loose!

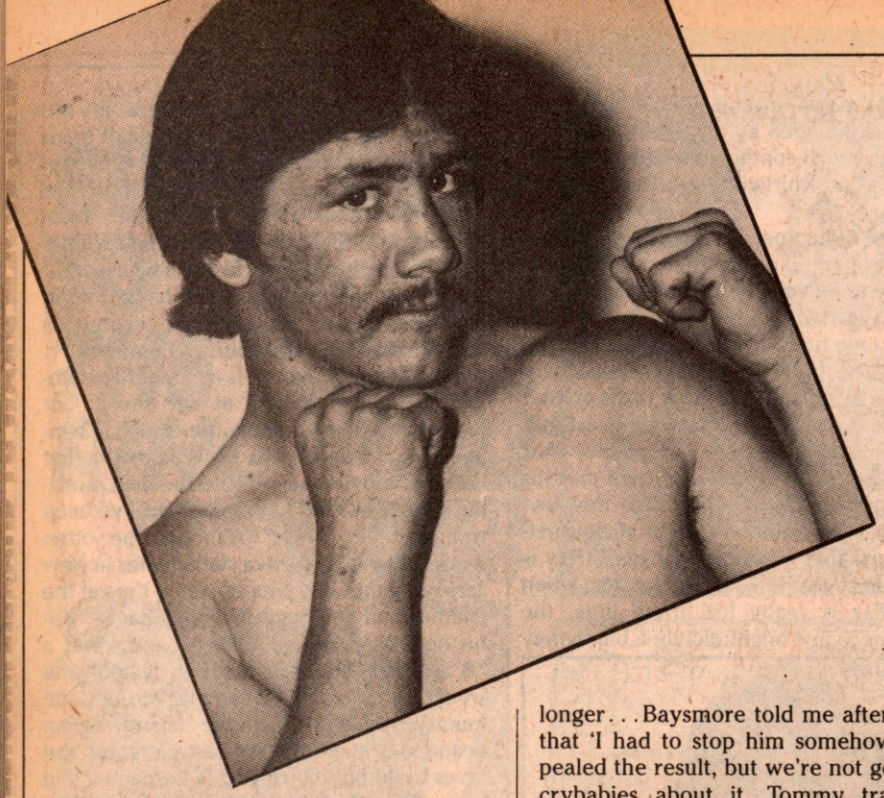
THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF VINNIE PAZIENZA

Cranston, RI Lightweight
Born: December 16, 1962
Height: 5'7"
Amateur Record: 100-12

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1983	
May 26	Chino Rivera	Atlantic City	KO 4
June 30	Keith McCoy	Atlantic City	KO 3
July 10	Pat Dangerfield	Atlantic City	KO 2
Aug. 16	Ed Carberry	Atlantic City	KO 2
Aug. 31	Rafael Alicia	Atlantic City	KO 2
Sept. 9	Ricardo Moreno	Las Vegas	KO 3
Sept. 24	Jim Zelinski	Totowa, NJ	KO 2
Oct. 27	Rob Stevenson	Atlantic City	KO 1
Dec. 2	Emilio Diaz	West Warwick, RI	KO 3
Dec. 14	Cheo Ortiz	Totowa, NJ	KO 6
Feb. 26	David Bell	Beaumont, TX	KO 4
Apr. 15	Mike Golden	Atlantic City	W8

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	(KO'S)	LOSSES	DRAWS
12	12	(11)	0	0



TOMMY CORDOVA

LAST MARCH 5, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW Mexico's fine young featherweight/junior lightweight, Tommy Cordova, took his 9-0 record into a fight in Phoenix. His opponent wasn't just another journeyman or used-up pug to fatten Cordova's record, nor did "El Torito" enter the squared circle against a mediocre youngster with a suspicious unbeaten record. His opponent was merely a 13-0 (all by KO) kid from D.C. dubbed THE RING's "Prospect of the Year" for 1983. After the scheduled eight rounds, Kenny Baysmore was the warrior who left the ring with his unbeaten log intact.

The fight brought the best out of both young men. In victory, Baysmore showed he was everything he has been built up to be and more. In defeat, Cordova also showed an inner quality which should carry him to great heights in his chosen profession.

For the record, Cordova's camp has claimed that their man was hit with 11 low blows from the 5'9" Baysmore. The winner's camp countered that there were but a few accidental low shots, brought about by the 5'3" Cordova's crouching, bobbing & weaving, ducking style. Baysmore had but one point taken away for his fouls, so the decision remains a point of frustration for the loser.

"The way I see it," says manager Jack Luce. "We could go on playing that 'club fight game' that a lot of young fighters are (carefully) brought up on. We weren't about to do that with Tommy because we know that he's got the goods. He's Aaron Pryor except he keeps up his attack longer. . . Baysmore told me after the fight that 'I had to stop him somehow.' We appealed the result, but we're not going to be crybabies about it. Tommy trains even harder now than before. He'd sure love another crack at Baysmore. But we're willing to wait a year or so, maybe less, when that bout will be for big money on a major network."

Luce and trainer Bob (the former World Light Heavyweight Champion) Foster can't help but feel confident about their fighter—and it's hard to argue with their sentiments. In his comeback bout this past April 12, Tommy looked outstanding in winning a 10-round verdict in the ESPN semi-main event from Las Vegas over previously-once-beaten vet Jimmy Jackson. ESPN Commentator Al Bernstein dubbed it the all-sports' network's best so far in 1984. Cordova's non-stop "Pryorian" attack was certainly in evidence and, even though the bout was fairly close, Jackson took a physical beating in lasting the 10.

Fighter and manager agree that "El Torito's" best is still to come. He has the right attitude to be a champ, if guided properly. "We're not going to fight any stiffs," says Luce. "Tommy has a May 19 warm-up against a yet-unnamed opponent and then he's scheduled to fight in the main event at the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas on ESPN against either Delio Palacios or Vegas veteran Freddie Roach on June 12.

"Roach is the guy we want," says Luce. "We sparred against him recently and 15 seconds into the first round, he complained Tommy was holding him. Then after the first round, he quit. He called us 'M.F.s' and walked away. To be honest, I don't think he'll take the fight. Palacios will do fine."

Cordova is out to prove that his nickname isn't indicative of his lifestyle, only his boxing style. "This kid is no Tony Ayala (another El Torito now serving time for repeated sexual offenses)," says Luce. "He's married, has two children and has no other profession except professional prize fighter. . . We would like the opportunity to make as much money as Ayala would've earned if he kept his nose clean. This "Little Bull" is no bull at all."

Tommy Cordova, who had an amateur record of 75-4 ("they had to stop a lot of those," says Luce.), doesn't talk much. "He's shy about interviews, but we figure its okay if he does 99% of his talking in the ring. He isn't a nasty kid at all, just a little quiet."

Cordova's biggest problem now may be getting people to fight him. "We sparred with Louis Burke about the same time we worked with Roach. Burke quit after five rounds. He's a Vegas fighter, too, and we'd love to let Tommy loose on him sometime soon."

Western-based Ruben Munoz, who was recently stopped by (former IBF lightweight champ) Choo-Choo Brown and beaten by former WBC junior lightweight king Roger Mayweather, was sought as another possible opponent. "We couldn't come to terms with Munoz because he didn't want to fight us either," says Luce. "Once Tommy is done paying his dues, we won't have to run after guys to fight, they'll have to come to us."

Luce also manages fading junior middle/middle contender Clint Jackson, who came close to reaching the top, never to grab the gold ring. "If Jackson came close, this guy's a shoo-in. He's still really a featherweight, but his in-shape weight is rising to 128 pounds or so. He'll do just as well as a jr. lightweight. Ask Kenny Baysmore."

Whether or not you get an argument from Kenny Baysmore, Jack, we can't help but agree.

RING RECORD OF TOMMY CORDOVA

Albuquerque, NM Junior Lightweight
Height: 5'3". Weight: 126-130 pounds
Managed by: Jack Luce. Trained by: Bob Foster.
Amateur Record: 75-4

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1983		
Aug. 18	Rafael Renas	Los Angeles	KO 3
Aug. 31	Salvador Dominguez	Albuquerque	W 4
Sept. 17	Jack Whittington	Cheyenne, WY	KO 6
Sept. 29	Elfego Sosa	Los Angeles	KO 3
Oct. 28	Ron Gary	Phoenix	W 4
Nov. 16	Sam Espinosa	Ventura, CA	W 8
Dec. 2	Persell Clayton	Oklahoma City	KO 5
Dec. 22	Mauro Fuentes	Las Vegas	KO 1
	1984		
Jan. 27	Ashbury Dancey	Albuquerque	KO 2
Mar. 5	Kenny Baysmore	Phoenix	L 8
Apr. 12	Jimmy Jackson	Las Vegas	W 10

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
11	10	1	0	6

1 PERHAPS A YOUNG PUERTO RICAN BOXER WASN'T HAPPY AFTER HIS FIRST PRO BOUT WAS CALLED A DRAW?
32-STRAIGHT K.O. WINS!
JUDGE
SCORE SHEETS
...TOOK MATTERS IN HIS OWN HANDS AFTER THAT!
...TALK ABOUT FEELING UN-WANTED!
2 KNOCKOUT NUMBER 16 WAS NOTEWORTHY!
HOW MANY 20-YEAR-OLD JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT KINGS CAN ONE NAME?
3 HIS 34TH BATTLE WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE SALVADOR SANCHEZ'S W.B.C. FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
...PROVES I'M-OUCH-HUMAN!
8TH ROUND T.K.O.
4 IN 1983, AFTER A RECORD 17 CONSECUTIVE K.O.'S IN CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENSES, HE ABDICATED HIS TITLE.
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LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, JUAN, YOU FINISHED ON YOUR FEET!
126 lb
...41-1-1 WITH 40 K.O.'S—WOW!!
CHARLIE McGRATH in THE RING '84

THE BAZOOKA FIRES BACK

By GARY NAGER

New WBC Featherweight Champ Looks Toward Pedroza, Lockridge, Camacho

WILFREDO GOMEZ IS SITTING ON top of the world again, this time on a new throne. The former World Junior Featherweight Champ whipped fellow Puerto Rican Juan LaPorte at San Juan's Roberto Clemente Coliseum last March 31 to win the WBC 126-pound title and put himself near the top of nearly everyone's list of probable opponents with his impressive showing. Gomez showed a little of everything—except his tendency to suffer facial abrasions—in winning a 12-round unanimous decision. And, although LaPorte buckled Gomez's knees with singular punches throughout the fight, the now-former champ did little in defense of his crown, purportedly because of a broken right hand he suffered (but never informed his corner about) in round two.

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Bazooka fires away.

But, while Juan's fighting spirit was also broken by the damaging mishap, Bazooka Gomez came to fight with both barrels loaded. And although his punches didn't seem to actually hurt LaPorte, Wilfredo's well-known, non-stop attack and his attention to his countryman's midsection wore the champion down. And, although both men are native Puerto Ricans, the 11,000 fans who packed Clemente Coliseum were nearly all pulling for the challenger, who did not let them down, winning by scores of 118-111, 119-113 and 117-111.

Since being blasted in eight rounds by Salvador Sanchez in his first attempt at the 126-pound title back in 1981, Gomez had lost the aura of invincibility that would eventually carry him to a *junior* featherweight record 17 title defenses and a 40-1-1, 40 knockout record. And, while LaPorte's lasting the distance did little to mar his performance, the top names in the featherweight and junior lightweight classes all want their piece of the revived Bazooka.

It would seem that the natural matchup for Gomez now would be a second Puerto Rican Civil War against WBC junior lightweight champion Hector Camacho. The Macho Man sat in LaPorte's corner during the Gomez fight and yelled both encouragements and instructions to his fellow Puerto Rican-turned-New Yorker. Gomez, on the other hand, was so confident in his own ability that he took time out during the bout to taunt LaPorte early on, and then turned his attention to Camacho in round 12, yelling "You're next" to him in Spanish, among other things.

Recent developments, however, indicate that a Gomez-Camacho war has been put off indefinitely and may never happen. Luis Enriquez, a friend of Gomez's who handles the Latin American business for Murad Muhammad and JPD Sports, the promoters of Gomez-LaPorte, has indicated

STAFF
Gomez

that while Gomez would love to do battle with Camacho, World Featherweight Champ Eusebio Pedroza is now being sought as Wilfredo's next big-money opponent: "We have been told that Camacho has given up his 130-pound title and will no longer fight for Don King. Hector says he will now fight at 135 and Wilfredo can't handle that much weight at his size (5'5"). Wilfredo would like to win his third (130-pound) title and teach 'The Macho Man' a lesson, but not if he has to chase him into the lightweight division. He will instead look to unify the featherweight crown against Pedroza and then see who's left to fight at 130.

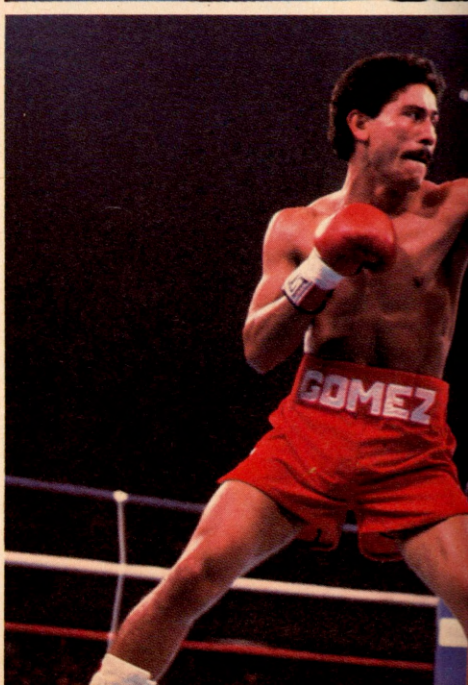
"A Gomez-Pedroza fight is a natural, anyway, because Wilfredo began his career in Panama and would be willing to fight the Panamanian in *either* man's back yard. Of course, he would prefer to have his home fans watching him again, but he still has plenty of supporters in Panama. And, Pedroza has said he would bring over a thousand of his countrymen with him to the fight if it takes place in Puerto Rico. The country that offers the most money for the fight will get it . . . We should be announcing the official signing sometime soon."

Camacho, however, says he has not given up his title even though staying at 130 is definitely a "struggle." "But," he says, "I would be willing to fight Gomez at 130 if they give me $3,000,000 to fight him. Otherwise, I can make at least that much if I move up and fight (WBA lightweight king Ray) Mancini. But, Gomez don't want no part of me anyway, because he knows I won't fight him lazy like LaPorte did. He was yellin' all that bull to me during the fight and has done a lot of talking since, but you'll see, he ain't gonna fight me. Ain't no one gonna come up with that much money to have me whip him."

Enriquez says that after beating Pedroza, there would be no one left for Wilfredo to fight at 126 pounds and that the new champ would then seek the junior lightweight title: "If Camacho is moving up, we'd love to see Wilfredo fight (WBA 130-pound Champ Rocky) Lockridge. Lockridge is another big name who could earn Gomez a big purse and is the same size as Wilfredo. Gomez has seen the tape of LaPorte knocking Lockridge out and would love a chance to do the same thing to him. He doesn't think Lockridge could take the same shots that LaPorte stood up to."

The fact remains that LaPorte did take Gomez's best and went the distance with him. Only Sanchez and Wilfredo's first pro opponent, Jacinto Fuentes (who held him to a six-round draw) had ever finished on their feet against him before and it may be that, like so many before him, Wilfredo Gomez could not bring his punch with him up to a heavier weight class.

Despite the possibility that he may have lost a little in his almost-28 years and 43 fights (he's now 41-1-1, 40 KOs) Gomez-LaPorte did tell some good tales about the new WBC featherweight champion. First of all, the weight problem that plagued him as a 122 pounder and in his featherweight try against Sanchez (Gomez originally weighed in for that one at 129-and-some and the mandatory weight loss may have had as much to do with his getting stopped as the usually-light-hitting Sanchez's punches) appears to be behind him. Wilfredo's midsection was hard and trim against LaPorte as he weighed in at a solid 125 pounds. He can surely carry another four or five pounds of muscle if and when he decides to move up.



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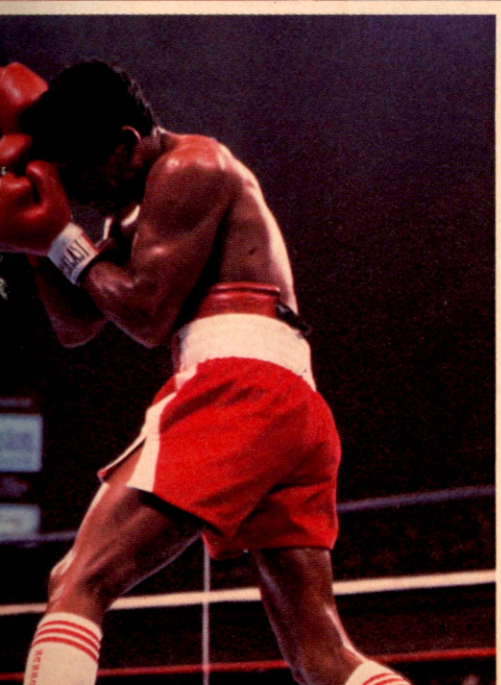

Even more important than his weight was the way Wilfredo went the entire fight without cutting or puffing up. You may remember the way former WBC bantamweight champ Lupe Pintor sliced, diced and inflated Gomez's features, not to mention the multiple contusions and lacerations Sanchez laid on him. For the record, Gomez did suffer a swollen cheekbone against LaPorte, but the injury may have been self-inflicted by the Bazooka's own first-round butting, because Juan just didn't hit him that often. Enriquez says the Gomez corner was well-prepared to keep the new champion's tender skin under control: "Wilfredo now has two doctors in his camp—one in charge of his diet and training and the other to take care of cuts and bruises suffered during the fight. I can't tell you exactly what the new doctor did for him against LaPorte, because I don't know, but he did it right."

Apparently so because no one is saying that Gomez's propensity toward facial unrest will force him into an early retirement, the way they were after Pintor tattooed him on the Thomas Hearns-Wilfred Benitez undercard back in December of 1982. In fact, most everyone involved with boxing is suddenly re-enamored with the born-again featherweight champion. NBC (the network that carried the one-week tape delay of the Gomez-LaPorte fight) color analyst Ferdie Pacheco called the new titleholder's performance "near-perfect." Even so, Gomez's lack of defense, his tendency toward cuts and his buckling knees (the reportedly one-fisted LaPorte staggered him several times) make him an attractive opponent for anyone hungry for a big payday from 126 to 130 pounds. If he can get past the deft counterpunching and sometimes-dirty attack of Pedroza, his stock will surely soar even further. Wilfredo "Bazooka" Gomez played an ace against his countryman, Juan LaPorte. How many more such parlays are in the cards for him is anybody's guess. ■

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(weight unlimited)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES△ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. **Gerrie Coetzee*** ..... South Africa
2. **Tim Witherspoon**** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
5. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Halifax, Canada
8. **David Bey** ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.

11. (Tie) Alfredo Evangelista, James Broad 13. (Tie) Tony Tubbs, Frank Bruno 15. Renaldo Snipes 16. (Tie) Randall (Tex) Cobb, Carl Williams 18. (Tie) Marvis Frazier, Eddie Gregg, Jeff Sims

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(not over 195 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DE LEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Osvaldo Ocasio*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
3. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. **S.T. Gordon** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Alfonso Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
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8. **Randy Stephens** ..... Dallas, Texas
9. **Marvin Camel**△ ..... Missoula, Mont.
10. **Leroy Murphy** ..... Chicago, Ill.

11. Leon Spinks 12. Young Joe Louis 13. Bashiru Ali 14. Elijah Tillery 15. David Pearce

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WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* **△ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
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7. **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
8. **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroons
10. **Rudi Koopmans** ..... Holland

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WORLD CHAMPION

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3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Juan D. Roldan** ..... Argentina
6. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
10. **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Murray Sutherland 12. Bobby Czyz 13. Mark Holmes 14. Leroy Hester 15. John Collins 16. Nestor Flores

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
2. **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
4. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
6. **Mark Medal**△ ..... Jersey City, N.J.
7. **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
10. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.

11. (Tie) Herol Graham, Julian Jackson 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. (Tie) Sean Mannion, Buster Drayton, Carlos Santos 17. Luigi Minchillo 18. (Tie) Duane Thomas, Mario Maldonado

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** △ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
5. **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
6. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
7. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
10. **Pipino Cuevas** ..... Mexico City, Mexico

11. Maurice Blocker 12. Lupe Aquino 13. Milton Guest 14. (Tie) Juan Rondon, Pedro Vilella, Robert Rucker, Carlos Trujillo 18. Pablo Baez 19. (Tie) Kevin Howard, Mauricio Bravo

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Johnny Bumphus*** ..... Clementon, N.J.
2. **Billy Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas.
4. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
5. **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
6. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
7. **Bruce Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
8. **Mario Cusson** ..... Montreal, Canada
9. **Hugo Hernandez** ..... Argentina
10. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Lorenzo Garcia 12. Gene Hatcher 13. Reyes Cruz 14. Ubaldo Sacco 15. Clint McKenzie 16. (Tie) Hideakazu Akai, Felix Reyes

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Ratings as of May 18, 1984
* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
*** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION
△ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2. **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
5. **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
6. **Alvin Hayes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
9. **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.
10. **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Charlie "White Lightning" Brown 12. (Tie) Ken Bogner, Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown△ 14. Nick Furlano 15. Terrance Alli 16. (Tie) Jimmy Paul, Melvin Paul

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
1. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
4. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
6. **Tae-Jin Moon** ..... Korea
7. **Edgar Castro** ..... Venezuela
8. **Roberto Castanon** ..... Spain
9. **Jean Marc Renard** ..... Belgium
10. **Alfredo Raininger** ..... Italy

11. (Tie) Il-Bok Lee, Refugio Rojas 13. Yoshimitsu Azato 14. Rod Sequenan 15. Jorge Alvarado 16. Isaiah Yonekura Ikhoni 17. (Tie) Raphael Lopez, Kenny Baysmore

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. **Wilfredo Gomez**** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan LaPorte** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Guam
4. **Barry McGuigan** .....
5. **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
6. **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
8. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell 12. Oscar Bejines 13. Gerald Hayes 14. Jose Caba 15. (Tie) Angel Mayor, Jorge Lujan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2. **Loris Stecca*** ..... Italy
3. **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4. **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
7. **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
8. **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
9. **Bobby Berna**△ ..... Philippines
10. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Julian Solis 12. Raul Gonzalez 13. Seung-Hoon Lee 14. (Tie) Felix Rodriguez, Oscar Muniz 16. Ramon Dominguez 17. Pongpan Sorphayathai

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, California
1. **Albert Davila**** ..... Mexico
2. **Jeff Chandler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
4. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic
5. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
7. **Payao Poontarat** ..... Thailand
8. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
9. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
10. **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson 12. Paul Ferreri 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Jorge Ramirez 15. James Pipps 16. Daniel Zaragoza 17. Suk-Chul Bae

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

GABRIEL BERNAL** ..... Mexico
1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
4. **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
5. **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
6. **Koji Kobayashi** ..... Japan
7. **Frank Cedeno** ..... Philippines
8. **German Torres** ..... Mexico
9. **Charlie Magri** ..... England
10. **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Juan Herrera 12. (Tie) Sugar Rojas, Reinaldo Becerra 13. Keith Wallace 14. Freddie Castillo 15. Joey Olivo 16. (Tie) Guty Espadas, Antoine Montero

By BEN SHARAV

CHANDLER 'REASSESSED' AFTER KO BY SANDOVAL

THE ONE-SIDED BATTERING THAT Richie Sandoval gave Jeff Chandler at the Sands Casino in Atlantic City cost Chandler more than the Bantamweight Championship of the World. The exuberant young Californian took Chandler apart piece by piece, methodically unthreading the Philadelphian's once-proud cloak of invincibility with each rib-crushing left hook and head-snapping right cross. When it was all over—when referee Arthur Mercante pulled the charging Sandoval off of the seemingly relieved, now-ex-champion in the 15th round—the cloak lay tattered and the second-guessing could begin.

Chandler went into this bout with a reputation in some quarters as one of the finest bantamweights ever. 118-pounders, even great ones, don't earn million-dollar purses (the $200,000 that Jeff was pulling in for this, the 10th defense of the WBA title he won from Julian Solis in 1980 was about as much as he could ever hope for) but the 27-year-old Chandler seemed driven by his sense for history more than by lust for money. "Joltin'" Jeff wanted to be remembered as the best bantamweight ever to lace on the gloves. "I keep a RING RECORD BOOK by my bed and I look at it all the time," the Philadelphian revealed. I want to be the greatest bantamweight of all time. I think I am. Nine defenses won't say that. I have to put the defenses together so the RECORD BOOK will say it. There's just two guys I have to catch." The two guys Chandler was chasing: Panama Al Brown, World Bantamweight King from 1929 to 1935 and Manuel Ortiz, who had 19 successful defenses in two title reigns from 1942 to 1950. It was that chase that kept Chandler in the bantamweight division after he had considered giving in to nature and moving up to junior featherweight.

Chandler a TV Star

Though bantamweights have generally been thought to be too small to appeal to wide segments of the American sporting public, Chandler, in the past year, scored a measured triumph over the assumption. He fought four bouts on network TV in 1983, the most of any fighter. The first two were impressive victories, over Gaby Canizales in a title fight and Hector Cortez in a junior featherweight bout. In his third national TV appearance of the year, Chandler lost an over-the-weight 10-rounder to Oscar Muniz. The upset spoiled Chandler's unbeaten record and left him somewhat bitter, but he seemed to recoup his lost prestige when he KO'd Muniz in the televised rematch.

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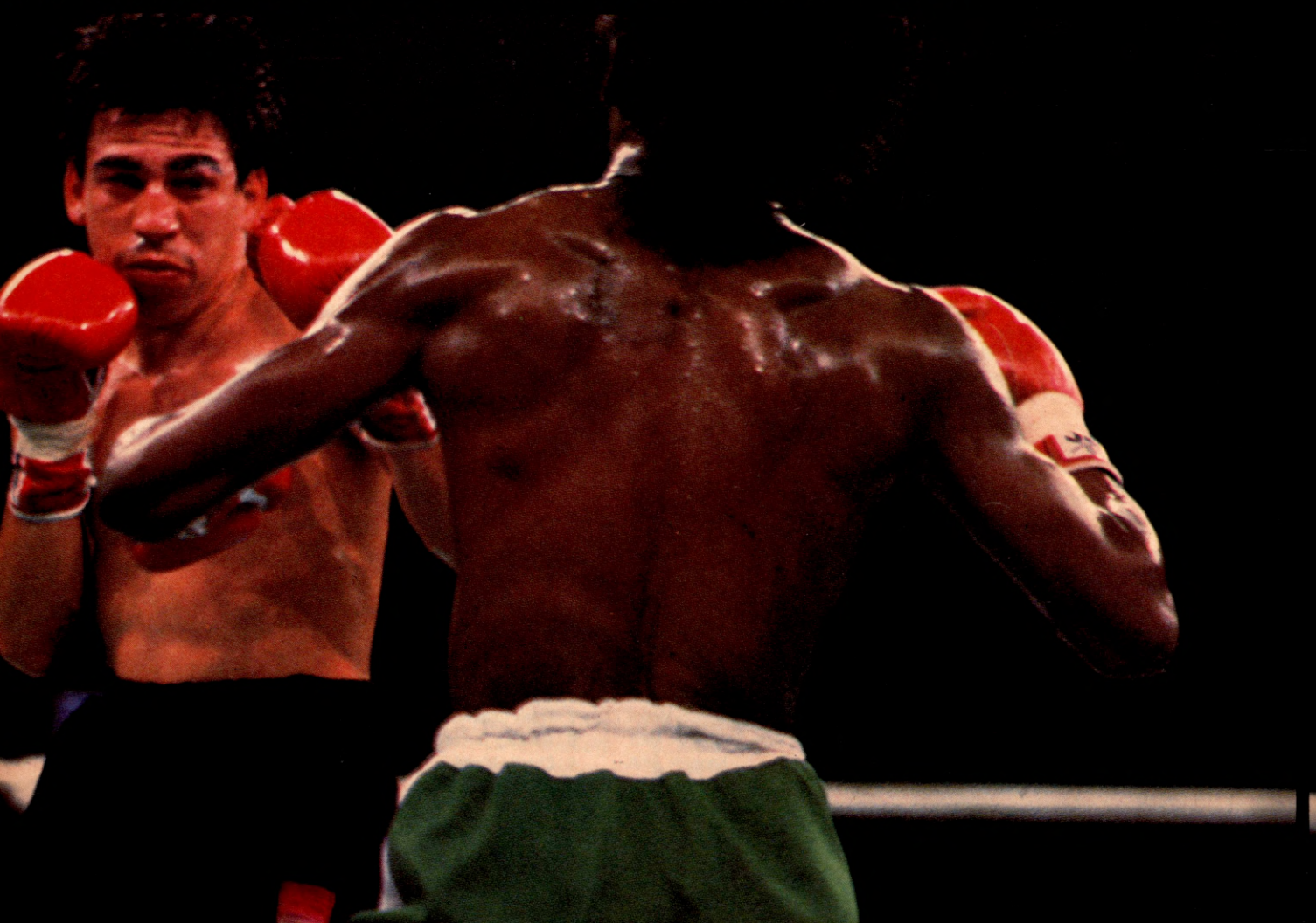

Jeff Lost More Than His Title In 15-Round Battering

The eastern boxing establishment mostly concurred with Chandler's glowing self-assessments. "Chandler can do everything," wrote one Philadelphia scribe. "He can outbox the division's best boxers and outpunch its best sluggers." The only trouble was that Richie Sandoval, who flew in from Pomona, Calif., forgot to read the eastern papers.

Fighting Family

Richie Sandoval took up boxing while in junior high school in Pomona. His big brothers, Joe and Albert, turned pro before him. Albert "Superfly" Sandoval is best remembered for going 12 rounds with Lupe Pintor before being knocked out in a WBC bantamweight title bid in 1980.

Richie made it to the top in the U.S. as an amateur, but was prevented from fighting in the 1980 Olympics by the boycott.

Sandoval turned pro in November, 1980 and put together a 10 bout KO string fighting in Las Vegas. But it was two decision wins over the tough Texan, Harold Petty, which established Sandoval's credentials as a contender.

Chandler was expecting a tough fight. "When I look at Sandoval I see myself a few years back," said the champion a few days before the fight. "I see a young Jeff Chandler coming to fight me. But I know how to beat a young Jeff Chandler." Perhaps Chandler was giving the older Chandler too much credit.

Sandoval Starts Fast and Furious

If Chandler expected to feel out the challenger in the early rounds, he was forced to change plans early. Sandoval, 118, worked out a strategy with manager-trainer, Jimmy Montoya, that called for him to attack Chandler from the opening bell. Barely a minute into the action Richie found the opening he was looking for. With Chandler backing away, Sandoval lunged forward and upward with a powerful right hand. The punch caught Chandler squarely and the champion was visibly hurt. Sandoval rocked Jeff several more times in the round.

Bob Arum, who has the Californian under a promotional contract, was sitting half a dozen rows away from the ring in the Copa Room and began licking his chops and waving his fists with delight as Richie continued to dominate the early rounds. Russell Peltz, who promotes Chandler, was pacing nervously, wondering when Jeff would finally come alive.

Chandler never did. While Sandoval continued to dominate the fight, the champion resorted to obnoxiously pestering referee Mercante with complaints about Sandoval's

aggressive style. Mercante, a veteran of 60 title fights, was not taken in by Chandler's allegations of holding and ordered Jeff to "Stop talking and fight."

Antics Cost Champion

It's a funny thing about Jeff Chandler that he can be such a charmer outside the ring and such a brat inside it. When he lost to Oscar Muniz last year, Chandler threw away the last round by sticking out his tongue like a spoiled child. And in this fight he never let up on his complaining. In the 11th round, to the delight of the crowd, it cost him. While Jeff was whining to Mercante about something or other, Sandoval reached over with a beaut of a left hook which dropped Chandler on his butt. [It brought to memory the story of the Jack Dempsey-Jack Sharkey fight of 1927. Sharkey was winning handily when in the seventh round, he turned to the referee to complain about a low blow from the former Heavyweight Champ. While Sharkey argued, Dempsey shot over a left hook which knocked him out. "Was that good sportsmanship?" Dempsey was asked later. "What was I supposed to do? Write him a letter?" answered Jack.] Chandler made it up at four and weathered Sandoval's attempt to finish him off.

After the 12th round, Bob Arum muttered something about how it's too bad the WBA didn't shorten its title fights to 12 rounds, so Richie would already have the victory. But Bob needn't have worried. Sandoval continued to dominate, stunning Chandler at the end of round 14 so that Mercante had to guide Jeff to his corner at the conclusion of the stanza.

Richie was so far ahead that he could easily have coasted through the final frame. But Sandoval was fresh and didn't feel the need to let up. He pinned Chandler in the challenger's corner and began battering him with punches to the head until Mercante halted it without protest from Chandler at the 1:20 mark.

In contrast to his carryings on during most of the rounds of the fight, Chandler admitted later that Sandoval had won fair and square. "The difference wasn't Jeff Chandler," said Jeff in response to puzzled questions about what went wrong. "The difference was Richie Sandoval. He fought a great fight."

Richie Sandoval went home to Pomona where he received an award from the mayor and had some of his paintings exhibited (Sandoval studies art at the Mt. San Antonio College near there). The new champion will next fight Edgar Roman in a mandatory WBA defense that he inherited from Chandler.

Chandler's Tarnished Reputation

And Jeff Chandler went home to do some cold, hard thinking. Any loss is disheartening, but Chandler's horrendous performance against Sandoval cost him prestige that had taken years to develop, as well as his title. How badly has Jeff's reputation been tarnished. Jack Fiske twisted the knife in the San Francisco Chronicle:

> Today we give thanks to Richie Sandoval...We owe him something for revealing Jeff Chandler as a faker posing as an 'all-time great.'
>
> Around Philadelphia and Atlantic City...Chandler had the media snowed into portraying him as a latter-day Manuel Ortiz...The truth is that Chandler dominated only a weak division...When he first met Oscar Muniz, he was exposed as ordinary, and a hot dog to boot, and suffered his first defeat...
>
> Good riddance, I say.

Russell Peltz vehemently disputes that assessment. "If anyone overrates their fighters it's the West Coast guys," says the Philadelphia promoter who picked up options on three Sandoval title defenses when Richie won the championship. "You can't tell me that Chandler didn't defend his title against some top fighters: Johnny Carter, Gaby Canizales..."

Not long after the fight, Chandler was back in Peltz' office, saying he wants to fight again. Before running into Sandoval, Chandler was looking to cement his spot atop the all-time bantamweight rankings. Now his sense of ring history compels him to try to recoup his lost prestige.

Jimmy Montoya, Sandoval's manager, says that Richie will gladly grant the ex-champion a rematch. "Richie will knock him out faster next time," says Montoya. "It's hard to come back from a beating like that."

With the odds suddenly against him, Jeff Chandler must now prepare for his toughest challenge yet.

Johnny Carter, 120¾, Philadelphia, a 1982 Chandler title fight victim, dominated Edgar Acevedo, 120½, Colombia from the first bell in a scheduled 10-round prelim. With Acevedo cut and battered along the ropes in round eight, referee Joe Cortez halted the bout at 2:51. Carter raised his record to 26-2 with 16 kayoes. Acevedo dropped to 8-2-1.

Undefeated Pottstown, Pa. featherweight Calvin Grove looked good in another 10-rounder. Calvin, 128¾, stung Pedro Montero, 130, Dominican Republic, and won a unanimous decision, bringing his record to 16-0 with nine kayoes. Montero is now 10-4-2. Rudy Battle refereed.

A scheduled six-rounder between Philadelphians Victor Flores and Anthony Williams was stopped in round two by ref Rudy Battle and ruled no contest after Williams was gashed by an apparent butt. Flores, 134, remains at 13-4; Williams stays at 3-1.

Two scheduled fours ended in second round stoppages. Carl Forbes, 187¼, Lindenwald opened a bad cut over the eye of Rock Cohen, 185, Philadelphia, causing ref Cortez to halt the bout at 0:42. Both fighters were debuting. Steve Little, 148, Reading, Pa. raised his record to 4-0 (two kayoes) halting Buddy Randolph, 148, Philadelphia at 2:55. Randolph dropped to 0-3. Cortez reffed.

Prelim judges—Charlie Spina, Frank Brunette, Richard F. Murray.

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SANDOVAL KO 15 CHANDLER

(Referee stops contest. Time: 1:20)
April 7, 1984 Sands Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, N.J.

For WORLD BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
WBA title
Scheduled distance: 15 rounds
JEFF CHANDLER (champion)
118, Philadelphia, Pa.
Seconds: Willie O'Neill (chief), Eddie Aliano
RICHIE SANDOVAL (challenger)
118, Pomona, Calif.
Seconds: Jimmy Montoya (chief), Grant Phillips

Promoter: Russell Peltz
Purses: Chandler—$200,000, Sandoval—$60,000
Attendance: SRO
Television: ABC (live)

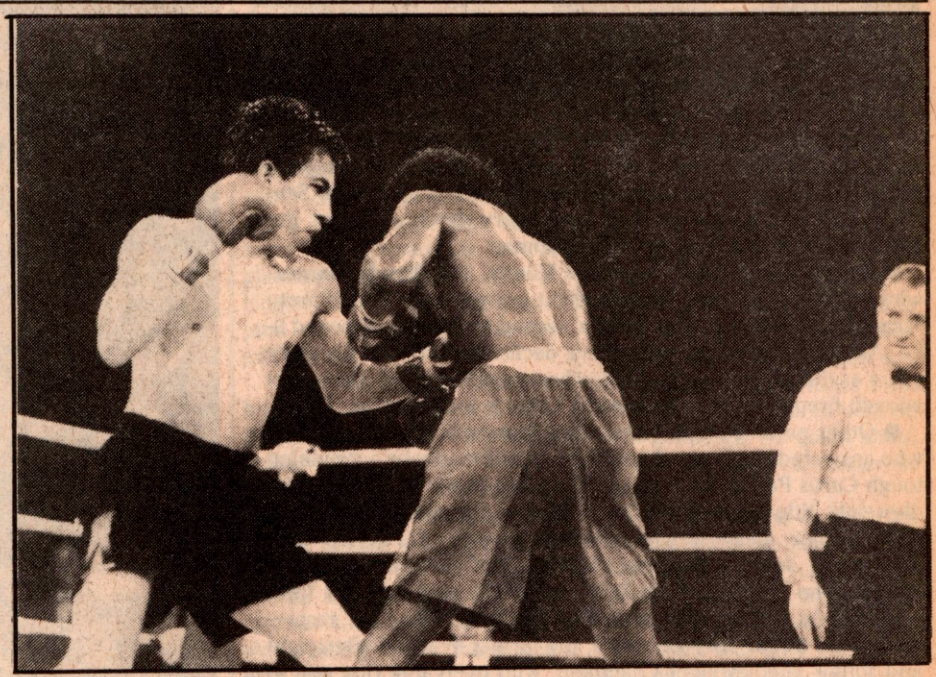
Referee: Arthur Mercante (non-scoring)
Judges: Eva Shain, Sam Sangis, Frank Cappuccino

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

JUDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total (through 14 rounds)	
Shain	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S*	S	—	S	13^{+1}-0-1	(140-126) **Sandoval**
Sangis	S	C	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S*	S	S	S	13^{+1}-1	(139-126) **Sandoval**
Cappuccino	S	S	S	S	C	S	S	C	C	S	S*	S	—	S	10^{+1}-3-1	(137-129) **Sandoval**

S = Sandoval's round C = Chandler's round Dash (-) = even round (10-10)
Asterisk (*) indicates 2-point margin (10-8) All other rounds scored 10-9

KNOCKDOWNS: 2 **Chandler down:** 2:rd. 11, rd. 15



Sandoval softens Chandler up with a body shot. Richie made beating Jeff, who was considered an all-time great, look easy.

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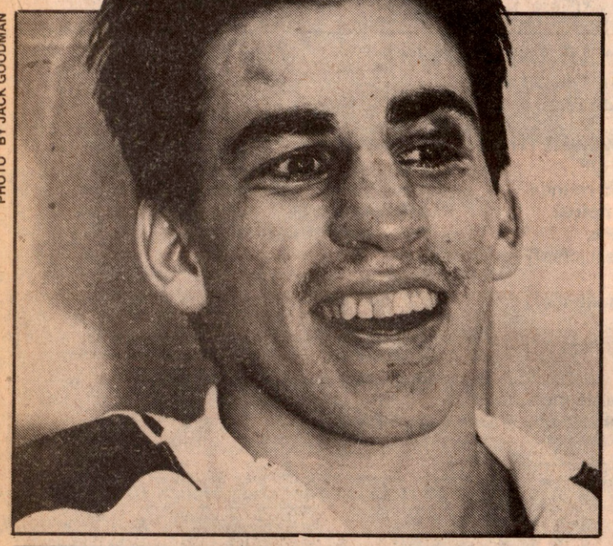

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FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

RICHIE SANDOVAL, THE NEW WORLD BANTAMWEIGHT Champion, emerges as the "Fighter Of The Month" in the tightest race for the designation in recent months. Just beating Jeff Chandler might not have been enough but Sandoval, the youngster from Pomona, Calif., utterly dominated the defending titleholder from the first bell, before battering the highly-regarded Philadelphian into submission in the 15th round. Sandoval now looks forward to a mandatory defense against the WBA's number 1 contender, Edgar Roman.

● Runner-up for "Fighter Of The Month" is **Wilfredo Gomez**, who captured the WBC featherweight crown from fellow Puerto Rican, Juan LaPorte. It was Gomez' second try at the 126-pound title. Although "Bazooka" may have declined a bit from his glory years as the king of the junior featherweights, he had more than enough firepower to make beating LaPorte look routine.

● Other notable performers: **Alex Ramos** of the Bronx, N.Y., who answered questions about his heart affirmatively, outgunning tough Curtis Parker over 12 brutal rounds to win the USBA middleweight title vacated by Curtis Parker; **Osvaldo Ocasio**, the WBA junior heavyweight champion, who KO'd top-rated challenger, John Odhiambo; **Milton McCrory** and **Donald Curry**, who retained their WBC and WBA welterweight titles respectively, with knockouts of Gilles Elbilia and Elio Diaz, respectively; and **Sugar Ray Leonard**, the former World Welteweight and Junior Middleweight Champion, who overcame ring rust to stop a game Kevin Howard, before deciding that performance wasn't good enough to warrant continuing his career.

HAGLER—ROLDAN (World Middleweight Title)

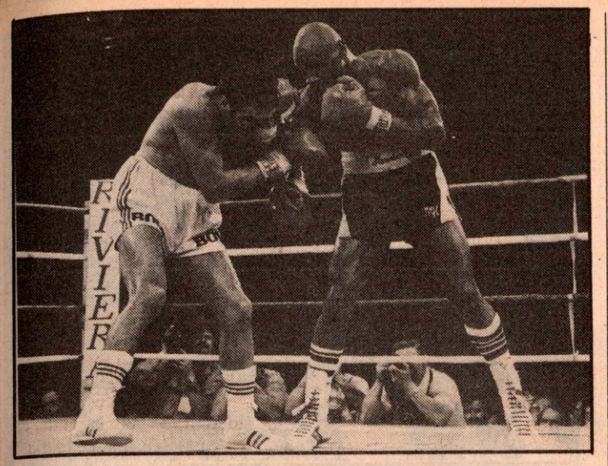
LAS VEGAS, NEV.—

Next!

So you want to fight Marvelous Marvin Hagler? The line forms to the right. Take a place right behind Juan Domingo Roldan, Mustafa Hamsho and Sugar Ray Leonard.

Oops, scratch Roldan and Leonard, the former because of Hagler and the latter because of retirement. That leaves, for the moment, Hamsho, whom Hagler's scheduled to fight in Las Vegas.

But before the boxing public could see a rematch of that one-sided 1981 affair Hagler had to dispatch Roldan. He did, by technical knockout with 39 seconds gone in the 10th round, of their bout at the Riviera Hotel but not before the man many consider to be the best fighter on this planet, pound for pound, experienced a few anxious moments.



Those came in the first two rounds, both of which Roldan won. Hagler had said repeatedly he'd like it just fine if Roldan rushed him just as he had done against Frank "The Animal" Fletcher. You want it, Marvin, you got it. Roldan applied tremendous pressure and actually beat Hagler, a fine boxer, to the punch.

Oh yes, he also knocked Hagler down. That was in the first round, although it was much more slip than knockdown and Hagler was much more embarrassed than hurt. A glancing left to the side of Hagler's head while the champion was off balance did the job.

"That was the first time I've been off my feet by a knockdown," said Hagler. "It was an embarrassing feeling."

Things weren't a whole lot better for Hagler in the second. "I give Roldan a lot of credit," said Hagler. "He was strong, and he kept catching me with uppercuts from the inside; he was beating me to the punch with that."

Explained co-manager and trainer Goodie Petronelli, "Roldan's awkward. He can make a good boxer look bad. We told Marvin to slide back and catch him lunging in."

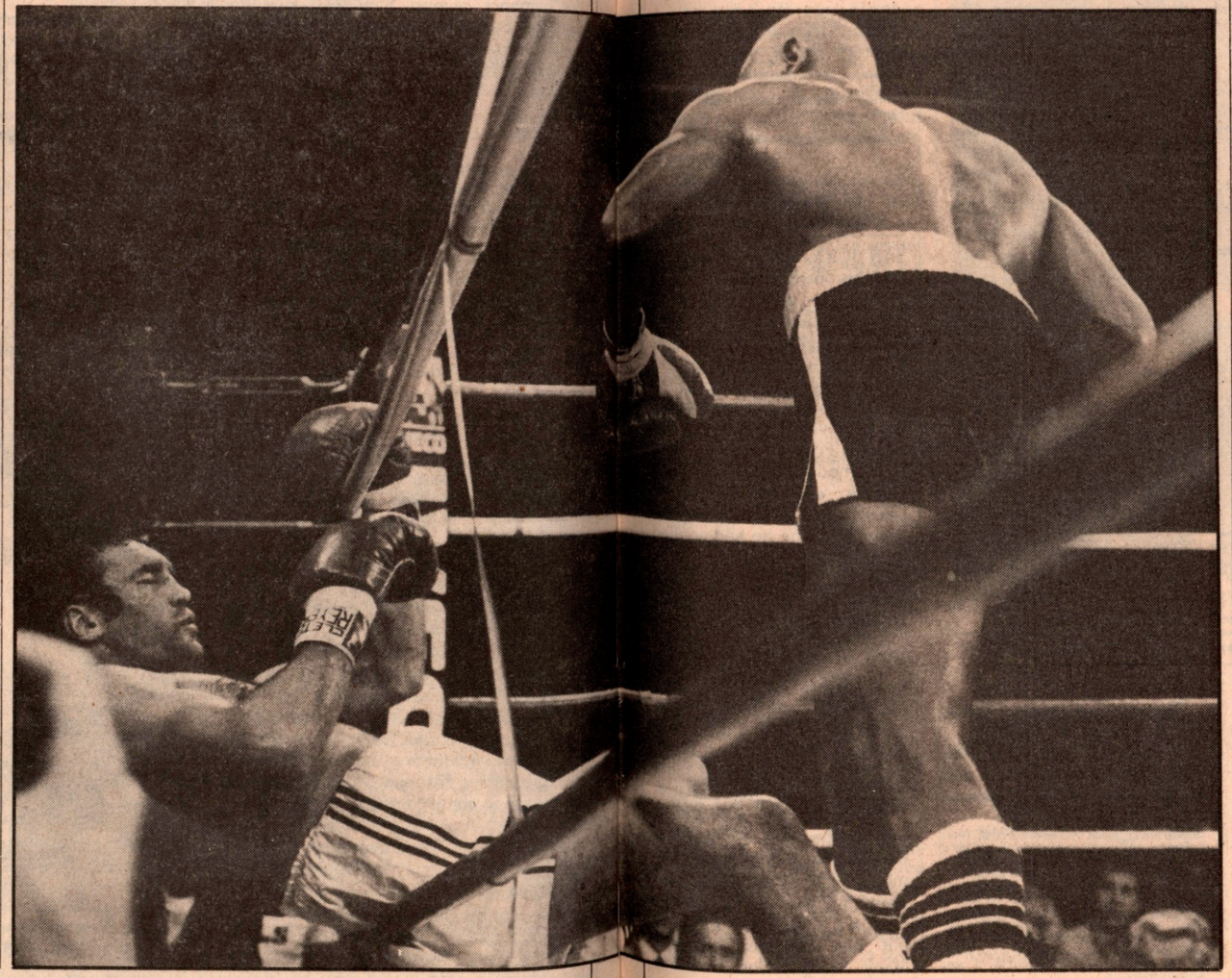
But what really helped Hagler's cause was an accidental thumb that raked Roldan under his right eye. Roldan, temporarily blinded by the thumb of Hagler's right glove and in great pain, stumbled back to the ropes, got tangled and tumbled down. When he got up the swelling already had started and it was the beginning of the end for the man who had once outwrestled a 540 - pound bear back home in Argentina.

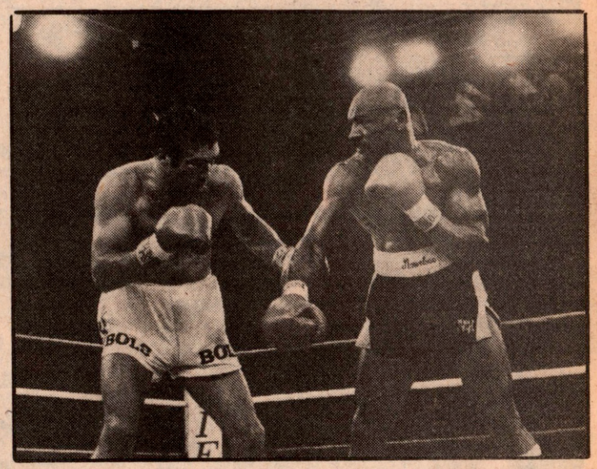
Hagler went to work. By the sixth round, Roldan was all but blind out of that right eye and Hagler's left was landing with a high degree of regularity.

"I'm glad I didn't underestimate him and I trained hard," said Hagler, "because I had to take it to him. I started to box him, then I started to push and maul him, and the more I did that the more he tired out. He was gonna go, no doubt about that; it was just a matter of time."

That time came in the 10th when a left to the head sent the South American cyclops to the deck. He was up at the count of seven but had had enough.

"I asked him if he wanted to go on,"said referee Tony Perez, "and he said, 'No, I've had enough.' "





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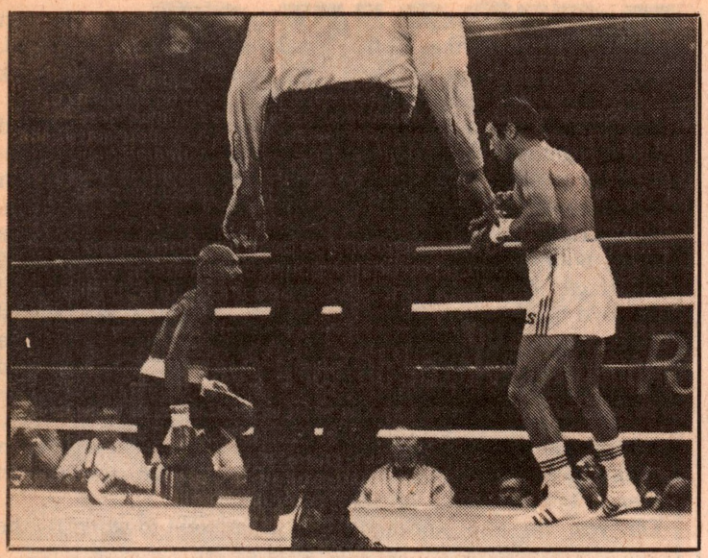

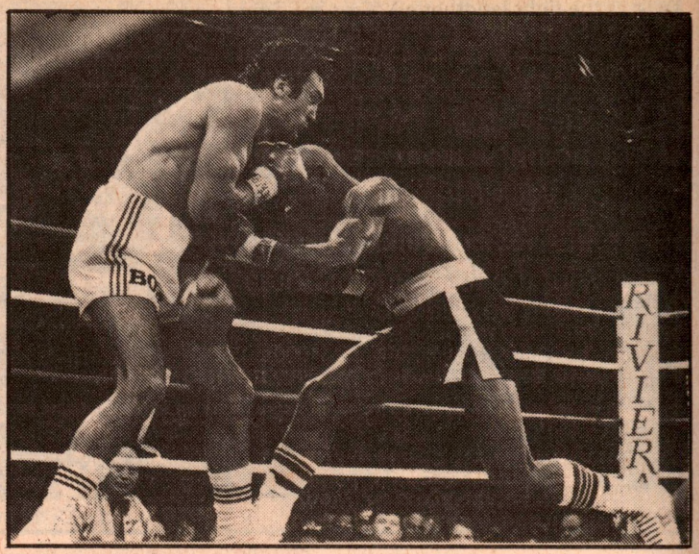

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HAGLER KO 10 ROLDAN (Referee stops contest. Time: 0:39)

March 30, 1984 **Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.**

For WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
WBA, WBC, IBF titles
Scheduled distance: 15 rounds
MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER
(champion) 159¼, Brockton, Mass.
Seconds: Goody Petronelli (chief), Pat Petronelli, Tony Petronelli
JUAN DOMINGO ROLDAN (challenger)
159¼, Argentina
Seconds: Tito Lectoure (chief), Adolfo Roldido, Miguel Diaz

Promoter: Top Rank (Bob Arum)
Purses: Hagler—$1,300,000
Roldan—$100,000
Odds: 6-1 Hagler
Attendance: 4,068 **Gate:** $436,250
Ring Announcer: Chuck Hull
Television: HBO (live)

Referee: Tony Perez (non-scoring)
Judges: Chung-Yung Soo (South Korea), **Ove Ovesen** (Denmark), **Ken Morita** (Japan)

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

JUDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total (through 9 rounds)	
Soo	R*	R	**H***	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H***	7^{+2}-2^{+2} (87-81)	**Hagler**
Ovesen	R	R	**H**	**H**	**H***	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	7^{+1}-2 (88-82)	**Hagler**
Morita	R*	R	**H***	**H**	**H**	—	**H**	**H**	**H**	6^{+1}-2^{+1}-1 (87-83)	**Hagler**

H = Hagler's round R = Roldan's round Dash (-) = even round (10-10)
Asterisk (*) indicates 2-point margin (10-8) All other rounds scored 10-9

KNOCKDOWNS: 3 **Hagler down:** 1:rd. 1 **Roldan down:** 2:rd. 3, rd. 10

Actually, Roldan had had enough right after his eye began to go, but manager and cornerman Tito Lectoure insisted he go out.

"He was desperate," said Hagler. "He was looking for one big blow. He was looking to beat me with luck.

"I punished him. He's lucky the referee stopped it."

Besides the closed eye, Roldan had nicks on the right side of his forehead, over the right eye and on the outside of the left eye.

For the record, Hagler won every round after the first two on all three judges' scorecards. Judge Ove Ovesen of Denmark had Hagler ahead 88-82 through nine round, judge Chung Yung-Soo of South Korea had Hagler in front 87-81 and judge Ken Morita of Japan had Hagler on top 87-83.

The win gives Hagler, 159¼, 50-3-2 with 34 knockouts.

"Somebody wants a title shot, that's fine with me," said Hagler. "I giveth and I taketh away."

Showboating Italian welterweight star, Nino LaRocca, 147, outclassed Alhambra, Calif's Felipe Canela, 144¼, to win a unanimous decision in the 10-round, featured prelim.

Diomedes Colome, 147, Los Angeles, was credited with a 7th round TKO after the referee stopped his contest with a battered Gary Lee Beca, 147½, Denver, after the 7th frame. Louis Santana, 149, Los Angeles, overwhelmed Art Jeronimo, 145, Yuma, Ariz. and won on a TKO 19 seconds into round 4. It was scheduled for six.

Ricky Lehman, 137½, Tucson, blew away Gonzalo Carrasco, 135½, Phoenix, at 59 seconds of the second round in a scheduled four-rounder. Scott Ochoa, 157½, Murray, Utah, beat Jesse Jaro, 155, Tucson by unanimous decision in the card's other four-rounder.

Prelim referees: Davey Pearl, Richard Steele, Joey Curtis

Judges: Jerry Roth, H. Miller, Lou Tabat, Dave Moretti, Chuck Minker, D. Shirley

JIM HUNTER

GOMEZ-LA PORTE
WBC Featherweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—The experts had this one all figured out. If it went the distance, Juan LaPorte would retain his WBC featherweight title because he had the endurance—the endurance he had demonstrated in two tough 15-round bouts with Salvador Sanchez and Eusebio Pedroza.

Wilfredo Gomez's only chance was to dispose of LaPorte by a knockout—the same medicine he had applied in all of his previous 40 wins.

Gomez had not really fought since December 1982, when he kayoed Lupe Pintor after a tough contest in New Orleans. He had, technically speaking, two bouts in 1983—two knockouts over men whose names are of little importance. LaPorte, on the other hand, fought 34 rounds in that same year. Advantage: Juan LaPorte.

But when the moment of truth came, and the opening bell sounded, Gomez took command with blistering hand speed and succeeded in maintaining a strong pace throughout the 12-round distance. Many thought Gomez would

wilt as the fight lengthened. He did not.

LaPorte tried to take command in the first session, but was thwarted by Gomez's lightning combinations. Both men continued to punch after the bell sounded.

The second round set the pattern for the rest of the fight. LaPorte connected well on brief occasions, but it was Gomez who hit the harder and more often. Wilfredo dominated the action in close.

In the third, Gomez taunted LaPorte, telling him to pick up the pace. LaPorte obliged with a good overhand right, but Gomez had already won the session.

A pro-LaPorte Hector Camacho was seen yelling instructions to Juan in the fourth round, sensing that Gomez's timing was off. Meanwhile, Gomez double-jabbed and hooked with enough success to win the round.

The fifth inning was the best. LaPorte crossed his right hand with authority, but Gomez endured the long overdue assault without looking the worse for wear.

A concerned LaPorte was off the mark with right hand leads in round six, while Gomez continued to beat a steady tatoo of leather on the poorly protected features of the title holder.

Gomez maintained the same rhythm in the seventh, though LaPorte managed to score effectively a few seconds before the end of the round. The eighth frame saw Gomez attempt to finish his opponent. LaPorte wilted briefly, but came back to rally at the inning's close. Wilfredo pounded Juan over the next two rounds, but seemed to coast in the 11th—seeing that LaPorte refused to be knocked out.

LaPorte came out with a do-or-die try for a knockout in the final round, but Gomez displayed enough class, speed, and punching power to neutralize Juan's efforts. The final scoring was as follows: James Brimmell (Great Britain), 118-110; Miguel Donate (Puerto Rico), 117-111; Robert Desguein (Belgium), 119-113—all in favor of Gomez.

Macho Camacho exchanged unpleasant words with the new champ after the fight. There appears to be bad blood between the two.

Carlos Santos stopped tough Reyes Escalera with a hard left to the pit of the stomach in the first round of a scheduled 10-round junior middleweight boss. Santos' only loss has been to Wilfred Benitez.

Top ranked Mexican featherweight Marcos Villasana halted Ruben Erasmo in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Pedro Vilella outscored Radames Garcia, Dominican Republic, 10.

Dwight Walker TKO'd Arcadio Garcia in the 10th and final session.

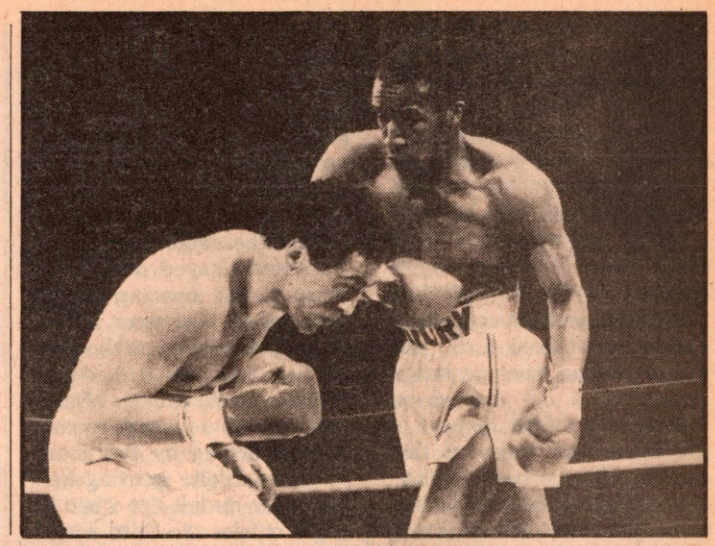
Rafael Caban retained his Puerto Rican flyweight title by knocking out previously undefeated David Reyes in the fourth round of a scheduled 12.

Eduardo Miranda kayuoed Carmelo Huertas in three, lightweights.

Pedro Garcia kayoed Samuel O'Neill in two, feathers.

Ismael Santiago knocked out Francisco Frias in the third round, bantams.

Site—Roberto Clemente Coliseum.



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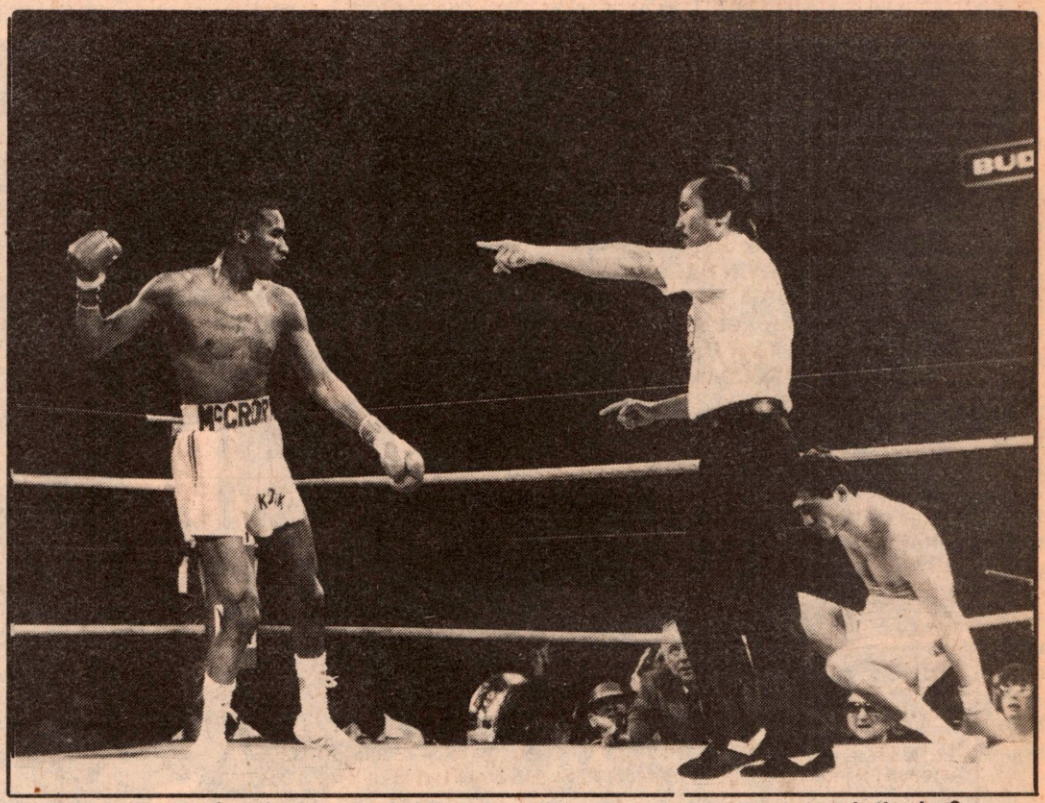


Elbilia questioned referee's stoppage, but the relevant question was: Did Gilles belong in the ring?

Murad Muhammad, Inc.
Attendance—12,000.
Total revenues—$2,000,000.
Total expenses—$1,500,000.
(03-30-84)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

McCRORY-ELBILIA WBC Welterweight Title

DETROIT, MICH.—Prior to his meeting with European welterweight champion Gilles Elbilia of Paris, France, WBC champion Milton McCrory said that he felt he has proven to the world that he could outpoint and outbox just about any other welterweight in the world, but that he now wanted to get back to scoring knockouts again. He stopped Milton Guest in his last outing and now he intended to knock out Gilles Elbilia. He lived up to his word and, even though it was amid some controversy, stopped the Frenchman at the 1:08 mark of the sixth.

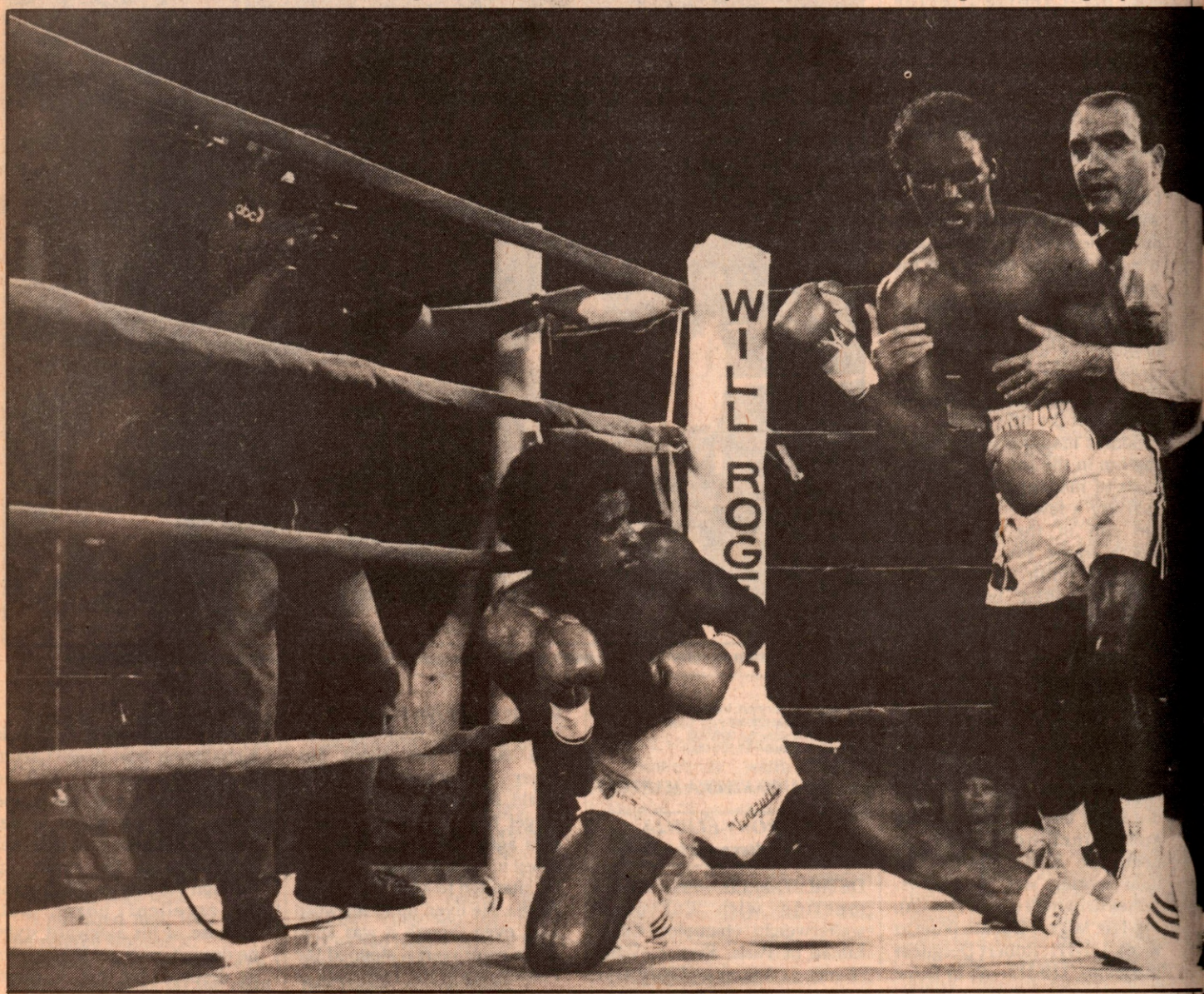
The Iceman, 146½, Detroit, is a champion who doesn't seem to get the respect he feels he should receive and that is one reason why he wants to get back on the knockout trail that he followed to move up through the ratings. McCrory is an excellent boxer, but, because of his awkward style, he doesn't even get the respect he deserves for that. In meet-

ing Elbilia, he was facing a Frenchman with a 23-2 record, who had only three knockouts and had little chance to dethrone him. Elbilia was relatively unknown until he scored the stunning upset over highly regarded Nino LaRocca to break LaRocca's 56-in-a-row win streak. Those in the trade, though, were unimpressed. The first round knockdown of LaRocca had been a slip and Elbilia was way behind in the fight until a cut opened on LaRocca led to the stoppage of the fight. The truth was that McCrory had to become "The Iceman" again, because he had nothing to win and everything to lose should he fail to stop Elbilia. Going the distance for Elbilia would have been almost as disastrous for McCrory as getting beaten. McCrory, who had been knocked in the past for his stamina, came in in great shape for this fight and no way did he intend to let Elbilia survive the distance.

McCrory stayed poised and sharp in the opening rounds and scored well over Elbilia, 146. A good right near the close of the first round had the Frenchman shaking his head in the corner between rounds. Solid punching by the champion had Elbilia sporting New Skin over his left eye when he came out for the third round. The challenger continued to stalk throughout the fight and was caught coming in time and again with powerful left hooks. The third was a very good round for McCrory, as he rocked Elbilia several times with left hooks and combinations. Toward the end of the third he switched to southpaw and came out the same way in the fourth trying to confuse Elbilia. When he switched back to orthodox, McCrory landed a solid right hand which started blood trickling out from under the patch of New Skin. McCrory was boxing very well and scoring with powerful punches; he knew he was well in control of the fight.

The champion came out bouncing in the sixth. He was sticking and moving, landing with pinpoint precision. Suddenly, a ripping left hook landed flush on Elbilia's nose, sending the Frenchman backwards to the canvas. With blood streaming down his face, Elbilia climbed to his feet and fled around the ring with McCrory in hot pursuit. As The Iceman stood there flailing away on Elbilia, referee Carlos Padilla stepped in to stop the fight.

Immediately, the French fighter started screaming that he was robbed, jumping up and down to show he was unhurt. George Kanter led a French entourage into the ring to protest



the stoppage as being too early. They rushed referee Carlos Padilla and cornered him in a neutral corner screaming obscenities at him. Fortunately, the Chairman of the Michigan Board of Control, Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, intervened to rescue Padilla and provide him with police escorts. While the question of whether the bout was stopped too soon or not was a viable point, it was obvious that the fight was one sided (the only thing that Elbilia could boast of was one even round on only one scorecard to that point) and it was just a matter of time at that point. Dr. Michael Sherbin examined Elbilia afterwards and verified his nose was indeed broken.

McCrory moved his record to 23-0-1. Elbilia slumped to 23-3.

Tommy Ayers, 147¾, Cincinnati, moved to 22-1 with a methodical destruction of Lanny "Blue" Edmonds, 147¼, Detroit. Edmonds, 13-3, did not answer the bell for the fourth round.

Hurley Snead, 119, Detroit, handed out a 10-round boxing lesson to a gritty and tough little Manuel Cedeno, 119½, Los Angeles. Snead, 18-1-1, looked impressive and finished the 10 looking like he was ready to go 10 more. Great physical conditioning.

Keith Vining, 176¾, Detroit, scored the most important win of his young (6-2) career as he used a right hand bomb attack to 16-3 southpaw Charlie Henderson, 175¾, of Kansas City, Mo. A real heavy hitting crowd pleaser.

Another hard hitting affair had Kronk's Donald Bowers, 155¾, Detroit, score an eight-round split decision over Ricardo Bryant, 154½, Washington, Pa. Bowers is now 17-1-1. Bryant (who just stopped Don King) slips to 10-6. Good fight.

Tyrone Trice, 143½, Milwaukee, now fighting out of Detroit, is undefeated at 10 after scoring a TKO at the 2:02 mark of the sixth canto over stubborn Bob Graddy, 141¾, Savannah, Ga.

In more close action, Arthel Lawhorne, 180½, Detroit (9-5), came up with a six-round split decision over Andy Straughn, 180½, originally from England, but now fighting out of Detroit. This was the first loss for the now 9-1-1 Straughn.

Making it 15-0 was Rodney "The Rock" Trusel, 149, of Detroit as he scored a hard fought six-round decision over Ed Flannings, 149¾, of Savannah, Ga. Trusel put Flannings down in the first but had to hold off the surging Georgian in the last rounds.

Joe Johnson, 140, of Detroit, closed the show with a real war with John Hutter, 140¾, of Washington, Pa., winning a four-round decision.

A special hats-off to matchmaker Ross Barber, who put together the eight undercard fights on short notice and came up with one tremendously entertaining fight card. Good job, Ross!

Promoters—Gold Circle Prod./Don King Prod.

CBS televised the title fight.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

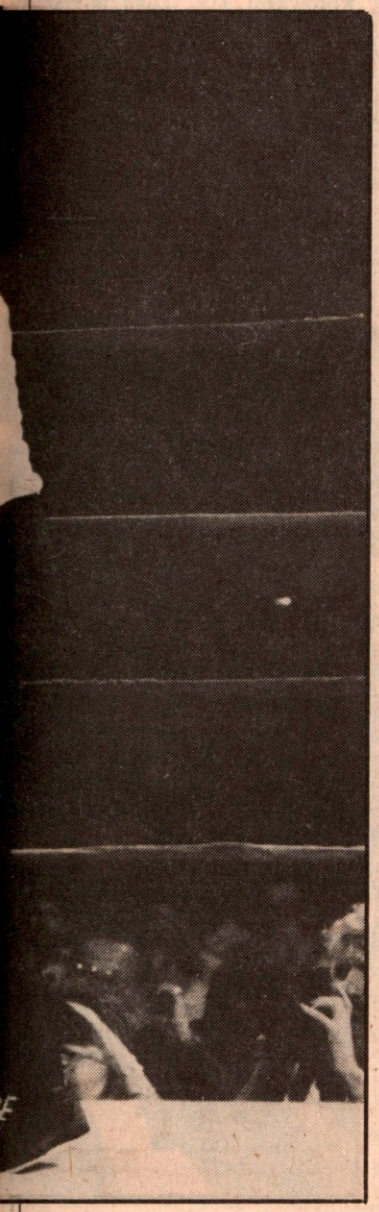
Title bout judges—Salvador Placencia (Mexico), Angel Gusman (Puerto Rico), Jorge Velasco (Mexico).

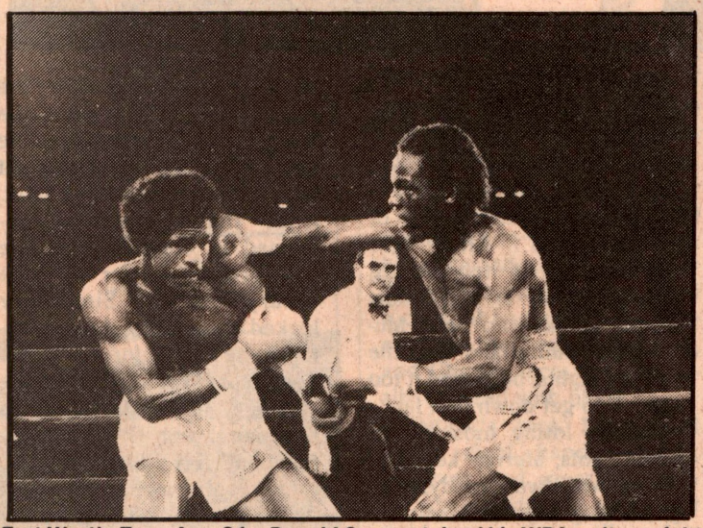
Undercard referees—Hugh Smithers, Marv McDonald.

Undercard judges—Rose Grable, Chip Acey, Randy Ericson.

(04-15-84)

DAVE HARTOON





Fort Worth, Tex., Apr. 21—Donald Curry retained his WBA welterweight title with a 7th round KO of challenger Elio Diaz, when their one-sided bout was stopped after that frame. Left: Referee Stanley Christodoulou counts over Diaz, who was floored just 30 seconds into the fight. He went down twice more. Above: Donald pounds the WBA's no. 1 contender.

ARROYO-BROWN
IBF Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—POOR Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown. He was world champion (IBF version, that is) for only 94 days. He was supposed to make his first defense against Cornelius Boza-Edwards, but when Boza came down with the flu, Choo Choo accepted undefeated Harry Arroyo as a substitute. It turned out to be a lousy deal for Charlie, but a great one for Harry. Arroyo won the belt with a 14th round TKO, ending Brown's brief reign as king of the IBF's 135-pounders.

The Boza-Edwards fight made sense for Brown. Cornelius, the former WBC junior lightweight champion, has been in several wars lately and seems to be nearing the end of the road. He was also the sort of "name" that would add luster to Brown's record. Arroyo, on the other hand, was relatively unknown outside of hard-core boxing cirlces, but his recent victory over Robin Blake had made him an attractive opponent as far as NBC-TV (who televised the match) was concerned. Harry made the most of his opportunity and can now look forward to a series of attractive TV bouts. Brown will have to scratch his way back into the title picture.

Brown, 134, took the fight to his challenger, but found Arroyo's reach advantage a major problem. Arroyo, a gifted counterpuncher, caught Choo Choo lunging in the second and nailed him with a hard left hook to the chin. Brown was hurt, but managed to beat referee Larry Hazzard's count and survive Harry's ensuing onslaught. At the round-ending bell, Brown was still a little unsteady and under heavy pressure.

Arroyo, 134¾, Youngstown, Ohio, swept the next three rounds, hurting Brown on several occasions. It seemed at this point that Harry was on his way to a quick kayo, but Brown has a heart the size of a lion's and refused to knuckle under. He lashed back with hard shots and by the end of the sixth, seemed to be getting his second wind.

Brown scored well to the body over the seventh, eighth and ninth, narrowing the gap with a gutsy comeback. Arroyo wasn't punching as much and later said that he had hurt his hand and decided to rest it for a few rounds.

Arroyo turned on the juice again in the 10th, engaging Brown in an entertaining punchout. He staggered Charlie with a crackling right uppercut and continued to dominate until the stoppage, four rounds later.

Although Brown never stopped trying, Arroyo was really cleaning up by the time the fight swung into the 14th. A pair of rights to the head had Choo Choo in deep trouble and Hazzard finally stepped between the fighters at 2:07 of the round.

Arroyo, now 24-0, 18 kayoes, will probably fight Boza-Edwards next despite the fact that Tyrone Crawley was at the Sands Hotel Casino to challenge him.

"Crawley is a mover. If Crawley and I ever get together, it will be like a dance," opined Arroyo. "I think it would be a boring fight. I won't change my (counterpunching) style and I doubt that he will."

PHOTOS BY DON JONES

Harry Arroyo catches "Choo Choo" Brown

PHOTO BY DONNA CONNOR

Brown, who won the crown with a decision over Melvin Paul, dropped to 23-3-1, 16 kayoes. He took his loss in stride, saying: "I don't regret anything I do as far as fighting is concerned. I gave my all. If a man's better than me, I've got to respect it."

In a scheduled 10, sensational prospect Kenny Baysmore, 129¾, Washington D.C., iced Victor Acosta, 131, New York, for a TKO at 1:48 of the opening round. The loser was down twice as the result of searing rights to the jaw before referee Joe Cortez terminated the fight. Baysmore lifted his record to 15-0 (14 kayoes), while Acosta slipped to 18-6 with only eight kayoes.

Vinnie Pazienza, Cranston, R.I., was forced to travel the distance for the first time in 12 professional outings (all wins), outpointing Philadelphia's Michael Golden, 137, eight. Referee, Paul Venti.

Butch Hall, 177, Irvington, N.J., TKO'd Dave Royster, 175½, Pottstown, Pa., 2:19 into the third round of a scheduled six. Referee, Venti.

Marvin Garris, 132¾, Phila., TKO'd Carlos Rivera, 133¼, New York, 1:20 into the fourth round of a scheduled four. Referee, Cortez.

Rasheed Ali, 141¾, Brooklyn, won a very unpopular decision over Joe Whitfield, 139¾, Phila., four. Referee, Venti.

The scoring in the main event through the first 13 rounds was as follows: Harold Lederman, 125-121; Larry Wallace, 125-122; Carol Castellano, 126-121—all in favor of Arroyo.

Preliminary judges—Phil Newman, Milo Savage, Tommy Kaczmarek.

Main Event Productions, Inc.
(04-15-84)

NIGEL COLLINS

SUTHERLAND—SINGLETARY IBF Junior Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—PERENnial bridesmaid Murray Sutherland, 167¼, Bay City, Mich., finally won a championship, of sorts, by laboring to a unanimous decision over Ernie Singletary, 167¾, Phila., 15. Backed by the IBF for their newly-formed, and vacant, "super middleweight" crown (168 pounds), the bout gave a new definition to the concept of "championship". After light heavies proved too strong (Murray failed in title shots against Spinks and Saad Muhammad), Sutherland tried the middleweights, but found it too difficult to get down that far.

Though losing most of his major fights, Murray kept trying and was always ready, finally catching a break when the IBF decided to create still another new division. The in-between weight proved just to Murray's liking, and the choice of opponent helped, too. The once-tough middleweight trial-horse Singletary hadn't fought in a year, and had never beaten a major opponent (forget an outrageous gift decision over Tony Braxton). Actually, the whole thing was a careful construction to maneuver soon-to-be challenger Bobby Czyz into the title, preferably without having to face a black opponent.

As for the bout itself, little needs to be said. Singletary appeared stronger than Murray as he moved in with a solid body attack in the early rounds. But the Scot took command in a strong fifth, as he began stepping to the side and rocking Ernie with right crosses. After the third round..."I avoided the looping right by stepping to the side rather than going straight back," Murray explained later. After that, Sutherland remained in command, as the bout dragged on for 10 more dreary rounds. Singletary looked completely shot, showing none of his former drive. The scores were: Lawrence Wallace, 147-140; Thomas Kaczmarek and Harold Lederman, both 146-139.

Even Murray admitted it wasn't a great fight, attributing that to his concentrating on his fight plan. "I was so intent on winning that championship that I made a dull fight for the audience." Perhaps he'll grow with the title. "The next time I fight, you'll see a different Sutherland, because I'll have the confidence that goes with being a champion." Ernie's failure to show at the press conference was all the comment his effort needed.

Prior to their bouts, Yankee pitcher Ron Guidry said of his three charges from Louisiana, "It can be quite a culture shock going from the small towns of Louisiana to the big cities where major sports take place." It proved prophetic.

Vaunted Shelton LeBlanc, 134, Carencro, La., who looks like Michael Jackson, unfortunately fought like him. He ran around the ring and barely threw a punch, losing a unanimous decision to spoiler Davey Odem, 135¼, Youngstown, 10.

Southpaw Roman George, 145¾, Lafayette, La., was lucky to be awarded a three-way draw against Dennis Fain, 146¼, Akron, eight.

Kenneth Vice, 130, Youngsville, LA, was out on his feet when his scheduled six with Tony Saladin, 129¾, Newark, was stopped at 2:07 of the second.

Kevin Vieldhouse, 147½, Wayne, N.J., halted an exhausted Eugene Holly, 152, Ashtabula, Ohio, at 1:28 of the fourth and last round. Holly was down twice in the third.

Julio Ramos, 128, Jersey City, upset Yoel Judah, 131, Brooklyn, who was down twice and TKO'd at 2:01 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter/matchmaker—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Attendance—900 (est).

Referee—Larry Hazzard.

Judges—Paul Cavaliere alternated with Harold Lederman on the George-Fain, LeBlanc-Odem, and Judah-Ramos bouts.

Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.

Announcer—Ed Derain.
(03-24-84)

J. R. JOWETT

BERNAL-KOBAYASHI WBC Flyweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—GABRIEL BERnal, 111, Cruz Grande, Guerrero, Mexico, won the WBC flyweight title by knocking out defending champion Koji Kobayashi, 112, Japan, in 2:37 of the second round in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Korakuen Hall. Kobayashi thus became the sixth WBC flyweight champion in a row to lose his title in his first defense.

Bernal, the WBC's perennial top ranked contender, played it very cool in the first round. He kept retreating from the champ, and covered up when Koji went on the offensive. Two of the judges, Harry Gibbs (Great Britain) and Tony Castellano (U.S.) scored that round for Kobayashi. The other judge, Chuck Hassett (U.S.), had it even.

Gabriel, of course, had merely been feeling Kobayashi out. At the end of the session, Bernal's manager, the 72-year-old Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez, told him, "You need wait no longer. You can finish him now."

Bernal had seen that Kobayashi held his right too low. When the champ tried to throw a long combination, Bernal got home with a heavy left cross over Koji's shoulder. The punch shook up Kobayashi badly. More left crosses followed, and the Japanese, on rubbery legs, tried to clinch. Gabriel, however, wouldn't let him. Additional lefts sent Kobayashi to the canvas, and he barely beat the count.

A lethal right hook to the jaw sent Koji down again. He tried to rise again, but fell prone on the canvas. Referee Tony Perez counted him out.

Bernal took his victory in stride. "I wasn't about to jump into the air," he said. "I wanted to appreciate my good fortune alone. Kobayashi was a good champ, but this is a business where, if one wan wins, another man must lose."

Bernal is now 36-9-2 with 25 knockouts. Kobayashi is 21-2-3 with 15 kayoes.

Raul Valdez, 115, and Jackal Maruyama, 114¼, drew, 10. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida and judge Ken Morita, both 97-97; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-98. *The Ring* carded 97-95, Valdez. No knockdowns. Valdez is the WBC's seventh ranked 115-pound contender.

Seiji Kobayashi, 145½, stopped Eiichi Yotsuba, 150, at 0:30 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Ryu Misato, 121½, outpointed Shinji Maeda, 122, six.

Four-rounders: Kazuhito Murata, 121½, outpointed Kimio Koyama, 122. Masayuki Takahashi, 111½, stopped Shingo Hirai, 112, at 1:49 of the third round in the opener.

WBC witness—Raymond Clark (England).

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

Nationally telecast by TV Asahi.

Attendance—3,200 (estimated).
(04-09-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

Sutherland wins dubious new title.

CHANG-CHITALADA WBC Junior Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—"KOREAN Hawk" Jung-Koo Chang, 108, retained his WBC light flyweight crown with a 12-round unanimous decision over Thailand's Sot Chitalada, also 108, at Kudok Stadium.

This was only Chitalada's fifth "international style" pro bout, most of his expereince having been garnered in *Muay Thai*—national kick boxing contests.

Chang was the aggressor form the start. Moving in and out, he landed solid rights to the face of the nervous Thai. Chitalada took the punches, and kept jabbing with his guard held high. England's Charles Atkinson had worked with him on strategy, and Chitalada took the fourth round by a narrow margin.

Chang landed a wicked right hand in the fifth round and followed up with a flurry of punches. The Thai refused to cover up, and fought back with occasional right uppercuts. Chang's round.

The Korean windmill also dominated in the sixth round, but sustained a slight gash over the left eyebrow as the result of a clash of heads. The cut widened as the bout progressed, and Chang's face was eventually covered with blood.

Chitalada took heart, and threw right hands. Chang, however, had superior mobility, scoring with left hooks and right crosses from all angles. The champ took the seventh and eighth sessions, almost knocking out the taller Thai with fusillades of punches. Chitalada, however, wouldn't go down, and fought back with one-two combos.

Midway in round nine, referee Rudy Ortega (U.S.) took a point away from Chitalada for repeatedly pulling the champ's neck down. Chang's infighting was upset the Thai challenger at that point, but Sot turned loose in the 10th. Stinging lefts and powerful overhand rights made Chang tighten up his guard. Referee Ortega fell during this session, having lost his balance. Judge Malcolm Bulner of Australia stopped the contest, jumping in to separate the two combatants. Ortega had suffered what looked like a sprained ankle, but he walked around the ring twice to relieve the pain and then ordered the fighters to resume.

By the 11th canto, Chang could not see out of his left eye. Ortega stopped the fight to have the cut looked over by the ring physician, who gave the champ the green light. Chitalda attacked hard, but Chang averted almost all his punches. In the 12th frame, Jung-Koo moved well, countered Sot, and won the round—and fight.

Chang collapsed after the final bell sounded. It had been a total war.

The champ was an easy winner. Judges Bulner, Duane Ford (U.S.), and Kazumasa Kuwata (Japan) carded 115-113, 116-112, and 119-112, respectively—all for the Korean. Chang, however, should have used his left hand much more frequently, and thrown more combinations. His lack of condition had caused five postponements of this bout, and he was still not in the best of shape when fight night finally arrived.

Chang is now 24-1 with 11 kayoes. Chitalada is 4-1 with three knockouts. Hopefully, Jung-Koo has learned his lesson, and will train more faithfully hereafter.

Young-Kil Chung, 148¾, stopped Jung-Won Park, 149, at 1:36 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Chung, the KBC's third ranked welter, is now 8-3-2 with five kayoes.

Former Korean champion Kyung-Hwan Chai, 141¾, a southpaw, halted Soo-Pal Kim, 142¼, at 2:33 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Kap-Moon Shin, 113½, outpointed Sung-Chul Kim, also 113½, six.

Four-rounders: Sung-Kwan Lee, 117¾, and Jin-Sub Kim, 118, drew. Shin-Heung Lee, 120, outscored Jin-Tae Hou, 119½. Bong-Ho Choi, 122¾, halted Sam-Suk Kim, also 122¾, at 2:54 of the second. Shi-Hyuk Chang, 110¼, outscored Sun-Jin Park, also 110¼. Ul-Chul Chung, 115¼, knocked out Kun-Shik Kang, 115, in 2:22 of the first round in the opener.

WBC witness—Jose Sulaiman (Mexico).

Hanjin Promotions in association with Kukdong Promotions.

Telecast by Korean KBS.

Attendance—2,500 (extimate).
(03-31-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

POONTARAT-ESPADAS WBC Junior Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—PAYAO Poontarat, 115, Thailand, retained his WBC super flyweight (junior bantam) title with a dramatic come-from-behind stoppage of former WBC flyweight champion Guty Espadas, also 115, Mexico, at

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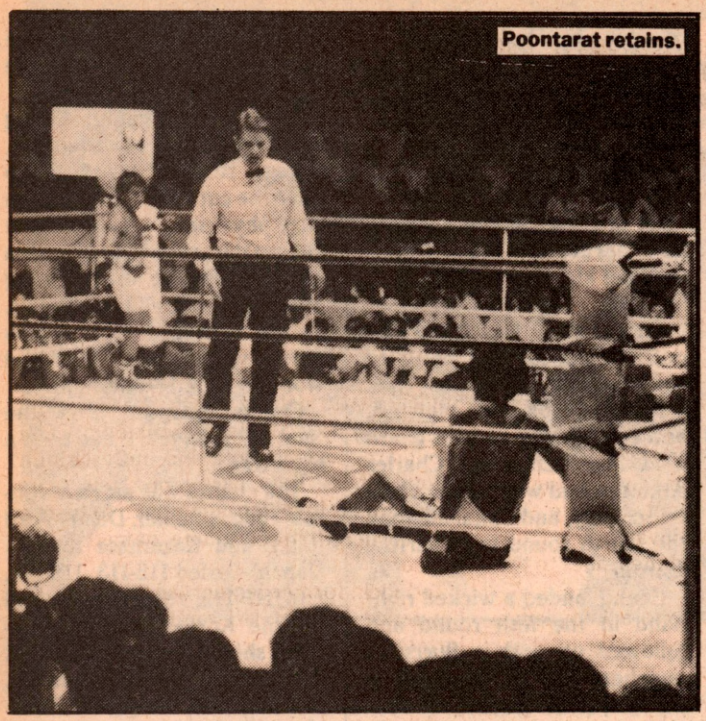
Poontarat retains.

2:25 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Rajadamnern Stadium.

Poontarat took the first four rounds with a fast jab and speedy footwork. However, in the fifth round, the ring wise Espadas caught him with a right hand to the face. Poontarat was off balance and went to the canvas. He was up almost and once, and referee Steve Crosson (U.S.) ruled it a slip! Two of the judges, Dick Cole and Stuart Kirshenbaum (both from the U.S.) were smart enough to score the round 10-8, Espadas. Judge Larry Nadayag (Philippines) carded it 10-10.

The sixth round was about even, but the seventh canto saw Espadas change his tactics. He went for Poontarat's liver with his stinging left, and the defending champ went on the run. Poontarat tried to stop Espadas with his vaunted jab, but Guty countered with right crosses to the face. Poontarat went down. He was stretched out on the canvas, and it looked like the veteran Espadas had won another title. Payao, however, beat the count. He was wobbly, but the bell saved him.

It looked like curtains for the champ. Poontarat was so groggy that he trudged to the wrong corner before referee Crosson set him right.

Somehow, the Thai made it through the eighth round. One good shot would have ended it, but Espadas is not quite the fighter that he was some years ago.

Poontarat had recovered by the start of the 10th round. He gave up retreating, and connected with more than a dozen punches to Espadas' face. Guty, somewhat tired, blocked the combos with his gloves, but made no attempt at retaliation. Suddenly, Espadas set himself to throw a right. It never landed, as a blistering left hook from Poontarat exploded on his face with perfect timing. Espadas did not fall, but he was knocked completely silly. Guty reeled to the ropes, and made no motion when referee Crosson ordered him to fight on. At that point, Crosson wisely stopped the bout.

"I was fighting for my king and country," said the jubilant Poontarat. "I fought very hard."

"A true champion is one who can turn defeat into victory. That's what Payao did in this title defense. It's one of the best fights I've ever seen."

"I thought Payao was going to lose after that knockdown in round seven," said his manager, Sombhop Srisomvongse. "But his guts and determination pulled him through."

WBA junior bantamweight champion Jiro Watanabe was at ringside. A title unification bout between Jiro and Payao (who was married 33 days later) is already in the works.

Poontarat is now 9-1 with seven kayoes. Espadas is 41-6-5 with 29 knockouts.
WBC witness—Frank Quill (Australia).
Scoring after nine rounds: Cole, 85-84; Nadayag, 87-85—both for Poontarat. Kirschenbaum had it 85-85.
Promoted by Sombhop Srisomvongse.
Televised by Thai Channel 7.
Attendance—3,500.
(03-28-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

HINTON—KINNEY
USBA Jr. Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—IN A BOUT for the vacant title (relinquished by Johnny Bumphus after he won the WBA crown), Gary Hinton, 137¼, Philadelphia, won a 12-round unanimous decision over Jerome Kinney, 138¼, Detroit. The scoring in this showdown of southpaws was: Harold Lederman, 117-111; John Stewart, 116-113; Frank Cairo, also 116-113. *The Ring* agreed with these last two.

Kinney fell behind early. Said Kinney afterwards, "It took me a little while to figure him out. I thought he'd wind down a little. It was a fair decision. I have no excuses." Losing those early rounds cost him dearly. After five, the scoring was 4-1, 5-0, and 5-0—all for Hinton.

Gary pressed the issue with hands held high. He took away the slick jab of Kinney with his own more menacing one and claimed victory due to "my effective right hand jab and inside combinations. He couldn't understand how I could jab like that. I expected him to run and I was ready for that."

The smooth moving Jerome had that ultra-cool hands-low style. He just slipped and slid and retreated around the fringes. Hinton "was on a mission" and stuck to it. He cut down the ring smartly and surely had the heavier hands, as in, if-you're-lucky-enough-to-catch-the-sucker,-make-him-pay-for-the-chase.

Kinney stuck to his defeatist approach until two things happened. One was in round six when he stung Hinton early with a straight left. This spurred Jerome on and he took the round. The second incident occurred in the next round when his left leg developed a cramp. "I had to make sure he didn't notice it," said Kinney. He couldn't move as well, so, "I had to come on."

Maybe if he got a cramp a few rounds earlier, we would have had a different winner. When Jerome stopped moving, the action heated up and it went from a tactical affair to a near slug-out as the late rounds unfolded. You could say that when the kitchen got hot, Kinney stayed put and more than held his own. Rounds six through 12 were scored by Lederman, 4-3, Hinton; Cairo, 4-2-1, Kinney; and Stewart, 3-3-1.

The difference was that Hinton came prepared. He did his homework. He knew Kinney from the amateurs and Gary also boxed 136 rounds with fellow Philadelphian southpaws Tyrone Crawley and Anthony Fletcher. Kinney was left to improvise and it was not enough. Hinton moved his record to 22-2-1, 10 kayoes; Kinney fell to 20-2, 12 knockouts.

In a 10-round semi, former WBA and WBC light heavyweight champion Marvin Johnson, 176½, Indianapolis, Indiana, continued a successful—and quiet—comeback with his sixth straight win since being kayoed by Mike Spinks in March of 1981. Johnson knocked out Eddie Gonzalez (son of Manny) 177¼, Houston, Texas, in 2:26 of round four.

Eddie was taking a beating all the way. While now nearly bald and with the punches coming a little slower, Johnson is still one to get out of the gate quickly with a jarring two-fisted attack. The southpaw was especially effective with the left uppercut with which he dropped Eddie. It appeared Gonzalez could have beaten the count, getting up just in time to be counted out.

Luis Vega, 131, Reading, Pa. won an eight-round unanimous decision over Kenny Carpenter, 130, Upper Darby, Pa. Scores: Lederman, 4-3-1; Stewart, 5-2-1; Cairo, 4-3-1.

In a pro debut for both, Tony Jackson, 135¾, Philadelphia, won a four-round unanimous decision over Rick Henderson, 133¼, Phila. Henderson was floored in the third.

Two six-round bouts ended early. Tom McGuire, 190, Phila., stopped Chris Reeder, 187¾, Linwood, Pa., at 0:51 of the opening round.

Jesse Ferguson, 210, Phila., stopped Ernie Singleton, 231½, Phila. after the fifth (fifth round TKO, not out for sixth).

Referees—Frank Cappuccino worked the Vega, Johnson, and McGuire wins; Joe Cortez oversaw the main event plus the Jackson and Singleton wins.

Timekeepers—Roy Johnson and Steve Smoger

Promoters—J. Russell Peltz and Momentum Enterprises

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian

Site—Copa Room of the Sands Hotel-Casino

(03-26-84)

JACK OBERMAYER

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By CHARLIE SPINA

FORMER WORLD WELTERWEIGHT Champion Jimmy McLarnin and former wrestling champ Count Billy Varga, represented the Golden State Boxers and Wrestlers Association on a large tractor-trailer float in the first annual Los Angeles Saint Patrick's Day parade. McLarnin wore a green overcoat and suit. Varga was all dressed up in a green western cowboy outfit. Royce Varga (Billy's son) also on the float was dressed up as a leprechaun. Former World Light Heavyweight Champ, Archie Moore was also scheduled to be on the float but could not make it as he was in Africa doing diplomatic work for President Reagan. Also on the float were the owners of the tractor-trailer Gary and Merian Landsberg. Donna Tracy the new treasurer of the Gloden State Boxers and Wrestlers Assoc. made all the parade arrangements.

On April 7th, Ring 72 of Northern California, honored two former fistic greats of the Bay Area, Al Citrino and Johnny Gonzalves. Al was a top-notch featherweight during the 30's and Johnny was a highly ranked lightweight contender for several years in the 50's and 60's. Both fought world champions during their careers. The newly elected president of Ring 72, Northern California is Ray Lunny, the former Frisco lightweight of the 40's and 50's.

A special meeting by Ring 8, NYC. was held at the Del Sommas Restaurant in New York City on March 20. The guest speaker was New York State Athletic Commission Chairman John Branca. About 50 old-time boxers came out to hear what the commissioner had to say. Branca spoke on how he hopes to bring back big time boxing to the Big Apple and wants to start the ball rolling on having a New York Hall of Fame and also spoke on the welfare of the veteran boxers of Ring 8, NYC. The Commissioner, received a standing ovation by all in attendance, who included Ray Arcel, Johnny Colan, Danny Kapilow, Charlie Gellman, Sandy Saddler, Tami Mauriello, Artie Levine, Petey Hayes, Jimmy Carollo, Teddy Wint, Johnny De Foe, Al Reid, Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, Herbie Kronowitz, Carmine Fatta, Jimmy White, Sammy Farber, Aaron Seltzer, Irving Rudd, Lefty Remini, Curly Nichols, Abe Levine, Frankie De Jesu, Cyril Josephs, Ellsworth Simley, Vic Zimet, Frankie Cardinal, Tino Raimo, Tex Sullivan Yours Truly and many others who paid their dues to the sport of boxing.

At this time I would like to acknowledge Bob Mignogna, a member of the International Boxing Buffs Assoc. for some of his articles that have appeared in this column. Bob, hails from Philadelphia and he is a highly informative boxing buff. Thank you Bob.

The 58th Annual N.Y. Daily News Charities, Inc. Golden Gloves Finals, were held at Madison Square Garden, in New York City. Ray Arcel and Emile Griffith were honored as the recipients of the 2nd Annual Daily News Golden Gloves "Front Page" Awards. Arcel is the legendary trainer of 19 former world champions and was the 1946 Golden Gloves Team Coach. Griffith was 5 time world champion and the 1958 golden gloves champion.

Did You Know That—The 1984 annual International Veteran Boxers Assoc. will hold this years convention on Sept. 21-22-23 at the Friar Tuck Inn in the Catskills. For further info: please contact Pres Scoop Gallello, 35 Brady Ave. New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801 (914) BE 5-0955 - NE 6-9343.

THE MEMBERS OF RING 4, BOSTON AND the citizens of the North End section of Boston were invited to attend the unveiling of the Tony Shucco Square sign recently in that city. Shucco, the "Pride of the North End" was the former great light heavy and heavyweight champion of New England. who defeated Jack Sharkey, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom, Lou Brouillard, Lee Ramage and Tuffy Griffith among others. Tony, passed on a few years back, and his loyal fans petitioned to have a four cornered street square named in his memory.

Ted Pick, former featherweight pro, from Lawrence Harbor, N.J. and Jimmy Corti, former lightweight contender of the 40's and 50's from Trenton, N.J. are now members of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission, and both perform as referees.

Ring 14 Hudson County, N.J. VBA recently mourned the deaths of three of its membership. Willie White, 81 the former fighting conductor from Hoboken, N.J. who fought in the 20's as a bantamweight, Chris Karchi, former heavyweight who fought in the late 20's and 30's and Nickie Arnone, former tough lightweight from Jersey City, "May their souls rest in peace."

Other belated boxing obituaries are: Harold Walsh, who made the Akron, Ohio area one of the country's best known boxing centers in the 1920's. Harold, died on Jan. 18 1984. A former sportswriter for the *Akron Times Press*, and regular contributor to THE RING and *Sporting News*. Walsh was a gentle and charitable man, and was respected by all who knew him. Rest in Peace. KO Phil Kaplan, 81 years old, the former hard hitting battler of the roaring 20's passed away last August in 1983. A victim of cancer. Born in Newark, N.J. on April 19th 1903, Kaplan started his career in the early twenties and fought all the good men of that era; He fought some exciting bouts with men like Harry Martone, Pete Latzo, Geo Courtney, Abie Bain, Eddie Shevlin, Jimmy Kelly, Phil Krug, Maxie Rosenbloom, Jack McVey, Willie Harmon, Jack McFarland, Jimmy Amato, Harry Ebbetts, Eddie Burnbrook, and Rene De Vos. The former great middleweight was managed by Bully Duffy and Pete Stone in the early days of his career and later on by Champ Segal. Kaplan was a member of Ring 8, New York and is also enshrined into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. A man who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Rest in Peace "K.O. Phil Kaplan." ■

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNA

▲INGLEWOOD—Forum—Unbeaten Rudy Hernandez, 147, Los Angeles, defended his Forum welterweight title for the first time when Eddie Nuno, 146, La Puente, was stopped after 2:52 of the fifth of a scheduled ten with a deep cut on his right eyelid. Hernandez led on all scorecards. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Felipe Canela, 144, Inglewood, scored a second win over Victor Abraham, 148, Phoenix, again unanimously outpointing him over ten. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 97-96; judge Pat Connolly, 98-91; judge Hassett, 98-92.

Alex Maciel, 158½, Pomona, remained unbeaten by unanimously (59-55, 59-54, 57-56) outpointing Marcos Jacobo, 158, Los Angeles, over six, confirming a previous victory.

Carlos Manzano, 119, San Pedro, unanimously (39-37, 40-36, 40-35) outpointed Jouveliano Molina, 120, East Los Angeles, four. The loser hit the deck in the second.

Connolly refereed both prelims.
(03-05-84)

▲RESEDA—The Country Club—Kelvin Lampkin, 128, Los Angeles, had Edgar Muniz, 126, Houston, down in the first, but was unable to finish the fight and had to settle for a ten round unanimous decision. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 100-89; judge John Thomas, 100-89; judge Kenny Davis, 100-90.

Rene Hedman, 135, Los Angeles, TKO'd Japanese veteran Ryu Fukida, 138, Tokyo, referee Thomas intervening in 1:02 of the third of a scheduled six after Fukida had been cut. Many thought a head clash did the damage.

Juan Garcia, 128, Orange, made it three first round wins in the three pro fights when he kayoed Miguel Rodela, 127, Los Angeles, just 1:50 into a scheduled four. Referee Davis counted out Rodela.

Miguel Ortega, 130, San Fernando, won a unanimous (all cards 40-35) decision over Eduardo Gonzales, 132, Tijuana, four. Gonzales was down in the first. Davis, referee.

Debuting Danny Lopez, 160, Orange, unanimously outpointed Jose Luis Cardenas, 155, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round. Thomas, referee.
(03-06-84)

▲STUDIO CITY—Sportsman's Lodge—Richie Foster, 127, Dublin, Ireland, won a technical decision over veteran Sergio Ayala, 127¼, Van Nuys, when Foster was cut above the left eye by an unintentional butt at 2:13 of the fourth of a scheduled 10. Foster was ahead on points. Lou Filippo, referee.

Jeff Mitchell, 161, Long Beach, stopped overweight Joe Esquivel, 168, Bell, in the fifth of a scheduled six.

Porfino Mora, 118, Tijuana, knocked out Jose Morales, 120, Tijuana, in the fifth of a scheduled six.

Lloyd Spikes, 175, Los Angeles, outscored Danny Murnon, 175, Los Angeles, four.
(03-06-84)

▲RESEDA—The Country Club—Unbeaten southpaw Dennis Mulholland, 145, Bakersfield, comfortably out boxed trailhorse Fili Ramirez, 144¾, Huntington Park, ten, not losing a round on the "The Ring" scorecard. Ramirez was down briefly in the eighth. Dick Young, referee. Poncho Velasquez, 134, Los Angeles, flattened ridiculously overweight Angel Salinas, 135, Los Angeles, 0:40 into the second of a scheduled six. The much shorter Salinas was lucky that he was not seriously hurt. Armando Muniz, referee.

Debuting John Shea, 127, San Pedro, kayoed Eduardo Gonzalez, 128, Tijuana, referee Muniz counting out Gonzalez just 1:47 into the first of a scheduled four.

John Smith, 176, San Bernardino, unanimously outpointed Rickie Lock, 175, Bakersfield, confirming a previous four round victory. Scoring: referee Muniz, 40-36; judge Young, 40-36; judge Eddie Fierro, 40-37.

Richard Aguirre, 148, San Diego, took the last two rounds to edge out Anthony Joseph, 147, Los Angeles, by a majority decision over four. Scoring: referee Muniz, 39-38; judge Young, 38-38; judge Fierro, 40-37.
(03-13-84)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Marcos Villasana, 124¾, Acapulco, retained his Mexican featherweight title with a sixth round TKO over Joaquin Acuna, 126, Mexico City, referee Larry Rozadilla intervening in the interval between the sixth and seventh rounds on the advice of ringside physician Dr. Bernhardt Schwartz because of a nasty cut by the side of Acuna's left eye. Acuna swung wildly throughout the fight but Villasana moved in to deliver well-placed right and left hooks to the head. Acuna was dropped twice, once at the end of the first round and again midway through the fourth.

Once-beaten prospect Gilberto Roman, 117½, Mexicali, cruised to a near shutout ten round unanimous verdict over Australian veteran Paul Ferreri, 119, Melbourne. Roman tried to be positive, but found the 36-year-old defensive minded southpaw hard to nail solidly. Ferreri, worn down by the body work and constant pressure of the much younger Roman, was floored late in the ninth, then spoiled and smothered his way through the tenth. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 100-89; judge Lou Moret, 100-89; judge Lou Filippo, 100-89.

World rated German Torres, 113, Celaya, Mexico, looked in trouble after five rounds of his scheduled 10-rounder against Eleoncio Mercedes, 112½, La Romana, Dominican Republic, but rallied to floor and stop the former WBC flyweight champion with 0:36 remaining in the ninth. Mercedes, a talented boxer not noted for his punching power, surprisingly dropped Torres late in the first. Scoring through eight: referee Filippo, 76-75, Mercedes: judge Hassett, 77-76, Torres; judge Moret, 77-76, Mercedes.

Miguel Angel Dominguez, 137, Mexico City, boxed steadily to take a clear unanimous 10-round points win over Eduardo Dominguez, 137, Los Angeles.

Miguel Angel picked his punches well and slipped a lot of blows thrown by his slower opponent. Scoring: referee Moret, 100-90; judge Filippo, 98-92; judge Hassett, 98-92.

Unbeaten Gilbert Davila, 119¾, Pomona, unanimously outpointed Gustavo Lopez, 121, Los Angeles, in an extremely hard fought four. It was Davila's second win over the very game Lopez.
(03-15-84)

▲SANTA MONICA-Civic Auditorium—Unbeaten Tony Tubbs, 231½, Cincinnati, kayoed Tom Trimm, 205, Galena Park, Texas 0:35 into the second of a scheduled 10-rounder. Trimm took punches without reply and was down twice before being rescued by referee Robert Byrd.

Carl Jones, 158, Los Angeles, stopped Mike Sacchetti, 162, Houston, when Sacchetti, bleeding from a cut by the side of his left eye, was pulled out by his corner at the end of the third of a scheduled 10. Sacchetti had not won a round. Byrd, referee.

Albert Jones, 133, Santa Monica, and James Sowell, 132, Los Angeles, drew, six. Joines seemed to have done enough, but two of the three officials rewarded the more aggressive Sowell. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 58-58; judge Gwen Farrell, 58-58; judge Byrd, 59-56, Jones.

Unbeaten Rene Hedman, 133½, Los Angeles, scored another impressive win when he banged out much more experienced Joe Perez, 136, South Gate, in 1:27 of the first of a scheduled six. Perez was floored twice, the second time from a paralyzing left hook to the body. Thomas, referee.

Tomas Montes, 148, Paramount, kayoed inept Manny Valenzuela, 145, Los Angeles referee Thomas halting the proceedings at 2:58 of the first round of a scheduled four after Valenzuela had been floored.

Sal Lujan, 138½, Huntington Beach, defeated Pedro Montes, 135, Paramount, referee Byrd intervening at 2:20 of the second in a schedule four with Montes bleeding heavily from the nose.
(03-18-84)

▲INGLEWOOD—Forum—Billy Robertson, 160, Inglewood, knocked out courageous Ernie Rabotte, 159¼, Long Beach, 0:31 into the eleventh of a scheduled 12-rounder to retain his Forum middleweight championship. Rabotte elected to slug it out with the hard hitting Robertson and gave him the hardest fight of his once-beaten (eight wins) career. Each round was fiercely fought, but Robertson edged most of them. Scoring through ten: referee Rudy Jordan, 96-93; judge Lou Filippo, 99-90; judge Kenny Davis, 97-95. Jordan's score was closest to the truth.

Adrian Arreola, 124, East Los Angeles, worked very hard in the opening half of his 10-rounder against Kelvin Lampkins, 126, Los Angeles, and won a deserved split decision to advance to the second round of the Forum featherweight tournament. Arreola attacked throughout, hooking aggressively to the head and body, but Lampkins, the better technical boxer, won the last two rounds to make it close. Scoring: referee Filippo, 96-95, Lampkins; judge Jordan, 97-95, Arreola; judge Davis, 100-91, Arreola.

Manuel Canela, younger brother of welterweight prospect Felipe Canela, also won his first round tournament bout. Canela, 124, Inglewood, knocked out game Billy Wiles, 125½, Los Angeles, in 1:54 of the eighth in a scheduled 10, referee Davis intervening after Wiles had been decked. Scoring through seven: Davis, 69-63; judge Jordan, 70-64; judge Filippo, 69-64—all for Canela.

Rodflio Martinez, 114, Temple City, unanimously outpointed Walter Tojin, 115½, Long Beach, four. Scoring: referee Davis, 39-37; judge Filippo, 39-38; judge Jordan, 39-38.
(03-19-84)

▲RESEDA—Country Club—The unbeaten Madrid twins of Sylmar Quickly bowled over a couple of soft touches.

Elias Madrid, 135½, took out Jose Luis Castro, 137, San Bernardino, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervening at 0:38 of the third in a scheduled 10 after Castro had been down.

Erick Madrid, 134¼, disposed of Pablo Reyna, 136, Houston, referee Larry Rozadilla intervening at 0:43 of the second in a scheduled 10 after Reyna had been down.

Alex Galvan, 126, Bakersfield, rallied in the final three rounds to win a close but unanimous decision over Joe Cruz, 128½, East Los Angeles, five. Scoring: referee Armando Muniz, 49-48; Judge Jen-Kin, 48-47; judge Rozadilla, 48-47.

Juan Garcia, 126, Orange, and Gary Hawkins, 126, Los Angeles, drew, four. Garcia was lucky not to lose his unbeaten record. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 39-39; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37, Hawkins; judge Muniz 39-38, Garcia.

Kevin Gardner, 159, Las Vegas unanimously outpointed, Jose Luis Cardenas, 161, East Los Angeles, four. Scoring: referee Muniz, 39-38; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Rozadilla, 39-37.
(03-20-84)

▲SPRING VALLEY—Roller Arena—Doug James, 146, Los Angeles, kayoed Ron Adams, 147, San Diego, referee Frank Rustich intervening in 1:46 of the sixth of a scheduled eight after Adams had been punched through the topes. Adams was clearly ahead on points when he was floored twice, once without a count, in the sixth.

Comebacking Aaron Brown, 144½, Los Angeles, kayoed Romeo Bellis, 149, National City, 0:23 into the first of a scheduled six with a right to the jaw. Tony Guitron, referee.

Ron Richardson, 195, Los Angeles, used advantages in height and reach to unanimously outpoint Mark Mahone, 209, San Diego, six, all three officials scoring 48-46. Rustich, referee.

Juan Garcia, 129, Orange, flattened Jorge Medina, 131½, Tijuana, 0:43 into the second of a scheduled six. Guitron, referee.
(03-24-84)

▲SAN MARIA—Hancock College—Ruben Castillo, 132, Phoenix, won by an injury stoppage over Andres Felix, 132, Culiacan, Mexico, who dislocated his shoulder in the 10th and final round.

Richie Lock, 168, Bakersfield, kayoed mismatched Wayne Griffin, 176, Bakersfield, in the second of a scheduled eight.

Darryl Hollowell, 166, Los Angeles, knocked out Raymond Menedez, 162, Bakersfield, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Indolecia Sepulveda, 151, Bakersfield, stopped Joe Jackson, 151, Bakersfield, in the third of a scheduled four, confirming a previous victory.

Kelvin Burton, 149, Los Angeles, halted Felix Castillo, 146, Santa Maria, in the second of their schedule four.
(03-24-84)

▲RESEDA—Country Club—J. B. Williamson, 169, Los Angeles, got off the floor in round four to stop veteran Dale Grant, 175, Portland, in 1:08 of the ninth of a scheduled 10. Grant's aggressiveness and determination kept him in the fight, but he was taking punishment on the ropes when referee Pat Connolly stopped the fight. Scoring through eight: referee Connolly, 77-74, Williamson; judge Dick Young, 78-74, Williamson; judge Rudy Jordan, 77-76, Grant.

Joe Olivera, 136, Pasadena, recorded his second victory over Roberto Garcia, 137, Los Angeles, this time by majority decision after six extremely hard fought rounds. A final round rally again pulled out a one point win for Olivera. Scoring: referee Young, 57-57; judge Jordan, 58-57; judge Connolly, 58-57.

Keith Potts, 136, Pomona, impressively stopped Jesus Silva, 136½, San Diego, with 36 seconds remaining in the first round of a scheduled five. Referee Young rescued Silva after he had been floored earlier in the round.

Rick Nelson, 176½, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Tony Willingham, 174, Downey, four. Willingham was down in the first. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-37; judge Young, 39-36; judge Connolly, 39-36.
(03-27-84)

▲BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium—Unbeaten Dennis Mulholland, 146¾, Bakersfield, kayoed Gumaro Martinez, 147½, Tijuana, in 1:09 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. The loser visited the canvas three times—twice in the fourth and once in the fifth. Lou Moret, referee.

Alex Galvan, 125, Bakersfield, won a majority decision over Joe Cruz, 126, East Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 58-57; judge Moret, 59-56; judge Dick Young, 57-57.

Stacy Grant, 148, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Indolecia Sepulveda, 149, Bakersfield, over four one-sided rounds, all three officials scoring 40-35. A right decked Sepulveda in the

fourth. Young, referee.

Rickie Lock, 171, Bakersfield, won a shutout (all cards 40-34) decision over Lloyd Spikes and was down in the fourth. Delgado, referee.

(03-31-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

▲MARIN—Civic Center—Although there was a lack of flourish in his effort, junior welterweight Andy Nance was still impressive in beating up veteran Jorge "Kid Dinamita" Morales throughout the 10-round main event. A partisan near-capacity crowd turned out to watch the 21-year old Nance score a lopsided decision over the tough but aging Morales.

It would have been a better fight if it had been shorter. Nance had no trouble finding his opponent, and from the second round on little difficulty in landing combinations against the six year older Morales from Los Angeles. Local fans have come to expect much from Nance, with good reason, and it did not seem unrealistic to expect a knockout in the late rounds over the smaller, easy to reach opponent. Nance, 140, easily won nine out of the 10 rounds, but his work seemed uninspired.

"I'm still learning from every fight," Nance later said. A college student during the day, Nance upped his record to 16-1 after collecting scorecards of 100-90, 99-91, and 99-91.

His record now 30-10-2, Morales took everything Nance landed and still put up a good fight. It was a very successful show for promoter Joe Burke, a crowd of 1360 left $19,457 at the gate, and Burke nest hopes to rent the University of San Francisco auditorium to showcase the rising Nance.

The undercard: Frank Fazio, 122, Mountain View, knocked out Derrick Noble, 122, Stockton, in the first of a scheduled four rounder. Tim Brooks, 131, Sacramento, made his pro debut a success, blasting out Marcus Negron, 130, San Francisco, midway in the opening frame of a scheduled six. Finally, Kenny Lopez, 150, Stockton, won a unanimous six-round decision over Tommy Richardson, 148, Santa Rosa, in a very close fight.

▲SAN FRANCISCO—Kabuki Theater—Talented junior welterweight Eric "The Prince" Martin is certainly deserving of more recognition, but his recent technical knockout win over Scotty Foreman did little to boost his reputation. The 20-year old Martin was in complete control over his shopworn opponent until finally a cut over Foreman's left eye in the fifth forced the ringside physician to halt the 10 round main-event.

Martin, 139½, from San Francisco, never pressed his clear advantage over the older, slower, easy to hit opponent who had just one previous fight in the past two years. His record now 17-3-2, Martin was clearly not at his best. So far not a well known fighter nationwide, Martin recently received some publicity in fighting out-of-town 10-round draws agains world class Herman Montes and Lupe Aquino.

Quite likely, if Foreman had not been cut the fight could have dragged on for another three weeks. Now living in Oakland, the 138-pound Foreman had his pro record drop to 22-11-2. he may want to change his occupation.

The card made a marginal profit for active San Francisco promoter Jimmy Sosa. A paying crowd of 1,146 left $12,800 at the gate, a true miracle considering the absolutely pitiful main event. Promoter next plans to use middleweight Johnny Nava.

In another 10-rounder, Manny Hernandez, 132½, Oakland, won a unanimous decision over Rashad Azie, 132½, Los Angeles, in a dreary, no-frills bout.

In a brief encounter, Zack Hewitt, 152½, Union City, wiped out John Veloz, 152, Fresno, in the first of a scheduled six-rounder. Jamme L. Muhammad, 150½, San Francisco, did the same thing to Jim Chelosi, 149½, Belmont, scoring a knockout in the first of a four-rounder.

Finally, in a scheduled six-round bout, Felix Gonsales, 132, San Francisco, halted Paco Gomez, 132, Cupterino, halfway into the second.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

▲SACRAMENTO—Memorial Auditorium—Tino Huggins, 134¾, Sacramento, knocked out Evarado Rico, also 134¾, San Diego, in 1:46 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Terry Smith, referee.

Huggins, now 13-0 with 10 kayoes, called Rico "the toughest guy I've ever fought. I hit him with everything, but I'd heard he was tough, so I wasn't surprised when de didn't go." Rico, now 12-5 with his first kayo loss, said Huggins "moves a lot but doesn't have a good defense." He also called Huggins "very strong, a good puncher."

Tony Lopez, 130, Sacramento, TKO'd Sam Espinosa, 127, Santa Paula, at 1:08 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Hank Elisperu, referee. Lopez is now 10-0 with eight knockouts. Espinosa is 10-3-2.

Loreto Garza, 138, Sacramento, halted Jerry Lewis, 139, San Jose, at 1:38 of the third round in a scheduled six. Garza is now 8-1.

Ron Richardson, 194¾, Los Angeles, outpointed John Matthews, 1977, Stockton, five.

Robert Nunez, 125¾, Sacramento, outscored Gary Hawkins, 130¼, Los Angeles, four.

An additional 10-rounder had to be cancelled when Oscar Cristerna of San Diego pulled out of a scheduled bout with Mario Savala of Sacramento only hours before fight time.

Promoter—Ricardo Olmos.
Matchmaker—Ernie Fuentes.
Attendance—1,366. Gross—$13,378.

(04-03-84)

STEVEN R. NICOLAISEN

CONNECTICUT

▲HARTFORD—Civic Center Assembly Hall—Felix Nance, 144, New London, Conn., retained his New England welter crown with a unanimous decision over Papo Figueroa, 142, Hartford, 10.

Milton Leaks, 150, Hartford, stopped Jose Davilla, 153, Lowell, Mass., in the second.

Tyrone Booze, 179, Hartford, and Jerry Halstead, 177, Branford, drew, eight.

Troy Wortham, 145, Hartford, halted George Ruiz, 147, New Haven, in the fourth.

Tim Broady, 170, New York, stopped Ruben Cardona, 165, Bridgeport, in two.

Edwin Rodriguez, 138, Hartford, halted Jose Ortiz, 140, Lowell, in two.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Matt Mullaney, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein.
Promoter—Chris Buckley.
Attendance—1,010. Gross—$12,625.

(01-13-84)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲HOLLYWOOD—Diplomat Hotel—Bernard Taylor, 128, Knoxville, Tenn., knocked out Rico Latino, also 128, Nicaragua, with a terrific left hook to the body in 0:46 of the third round in a scheduled 10 refereed by Joey Curtis. Taylor is now 26-0-1.

Keith Adams, 158½, Ft. Lauderdale, stopped tough Tommy Rogers, 159, Jackson, Miss., at 0:51 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Adams is now 12-0-1.

Mark Frazie, 174, Columbus, Ohio, won a shutout unanimous decision over Eddie Collins, 172, Meriden, Miss., eight. Joey Curtis, referee.

Alex Williamson, 218, Canada, won an unpopular unanimous decision over Sam Scaff, 254, six.

Kevin Sheely, 229½, Minnesota, kayoed Dean Ferguson, 211, Ft. Myers, in 0:47 of the first round in a scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Joe Martinez, 125, Mexico, stopped Jack Fisher, 130½, Pompano, at 2:15 of the fourth and final session. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Ringside Events.
Promoter—Ernie Letiziano.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Judges—Irv Abramson, Harry Brennan, David Pearl.
Attendance—1,600 (estimated).

(02-18-84)

▲MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton—Dexter Smith, 147, Homestead, kayoed tough Willie Garcia, also 147, San Salvador, in 0:48 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Bernie Soto, referee. Garcia was 12-0—all kayoes—coming in, but couldn't hold off Smith, the hottest welterweight in Florida.

Idabeth Rojas, 129, Colombia, won a unanimous decision over Ivan Cortez, 131, San Salvador, 10. Rojas is now 17-1. Bill Connors, referee.

Sugar Rojas, 115, Colombia, TKO'd Felipe Mojica, 113, Mexico, who could not come out for round eight of their scheduled 10. Eddie Eckert, referee. Rojas is one of the best fighters of his weight in all of boxing.

Nestor Flores, 166, Panama, kayoed Ernest Crawford, 164½, South Carolina, at 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Bill Yohan, referee.

Rogelio Bolanos, 176, Cuba, stopped Dick Curry, 170, Oklahoma, at 1:28 of the first round in a scheduled six. This was Bolanos' seventh straight kayo.

Jose Ruiz, 140, Chicago, outscored Jose Rivera, 139, Colombia, in a rousing six. Ruiz is now 11-1.

Ray Estadas, 136, New York, TKO'd Moro Crowney, 133, South Carolina, at 2:38 of the fourth and final session. Bernie Soto, referee.

Fred Delgado, 167, Puerto Rico, stopped Dennis Gonzales, 163, Miami, at 1:10 of the first round with three knockdowns. Billy Yohan, referee. This was Delgado's third straight kayo.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—1,130.

(04-17-84)

▲SUNRISE—Sunrise Musical Theatre—Boxing returned to this beautiful showplace for the first time in four years.

Adolfo Medal, 136, Sunrise, flattened Jo Jo Virgil, 135, Savannah, Georgia, with a right hand to the chin in 2:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Eddie Eckert, referee. Medal, 19, is now 19-1.

Alex Williamson, 213, Ontario, Canada, and Mike Perkins, 212, Hollywood, Fla., drew eight. Scoring: referee Bernie Soto, 78-78; judge Mark Conn, 77-75, Williamson; judge Irv Abramson, 78-75, Perkins. Williamson is still unbeaten.

Jeff Sims, 218, Belle-Glade, halted Jimmy Jones, 214, his former sparmate, at 2:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Scott Wheaton, 192½, Coconut Grove, TKO'd the outclassed Kenneth Ring, 198, Coral Springs, at 2:17 of the third round in their scheduled six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Adam Neal, 160, Palm Beach, won a unanimous decision over Chris Andrews, 163, Sunrise, four. First pro bout for both. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Joe Martinez, 124½, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Robert Gilbert, 126½, Hallandale, four. Gilbert was floored in the second. Bernie Soto, referee.

Eddie Abele, 180½, N. Miami Beach, kayoed Thurmond Scarboro, 185, Philadelphia, in 1:55 of the second. Eddie Eckert, referee.

T.L.C. Sports Promotions.
Promoter—Tony Consalvo.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—2,217.

(04-25-84)

▲HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium—Popular Steve Whetstone, 114½, Homestead, returning to the ring after a five-month lay-off, kayoed Mike Haywood, 115, Savannah, Georgia, in 1:49 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Carlos Albuerne, 130, Miami, TKO'd Rocky Garrett, 133, Savannah, at 2:22 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight.

Tony Hernandez, 129, Miami, TKO'd Steve Guess, 131, Miami, at 1:31 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Rogelio Bolanos, 177, Miami, TKO'd Randy Armstrong, 179, Miami, at 0:44 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder.

Vince Mays, 157, Miami, upset favored George Kaufman, 164, Miami, with three knockdowns and a TKO at 1:39 of the third session.

Charles Boston, 151, Miami, kayoed Mark DeLucca, 161, at 0:36 of the second round in their scheduled four.

Tony Ortiz, 135, Miami, knocked out Bill Garcia, 134, Miami, with one punch in 0:18 of the first round.

Referees—Eddie Eckert, Bill Conners.
Promoter—Julio Martinez.
Attendance—850 (estimated).

(03-01-84)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—John Collins, 162, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Larry McCall, 163, Cincinnati, 10. This was Collins' first bout since his defeat at the hands of Britain's Tony Sibson last October.

The official scores were 50-43, 50-41, and 49-42. *The Ring* carded 49-42. Collins is now 30-1.

Tony Tucker, 218, Detroit, knocked out Sam Jeter, 208, Columbus, in 1:29 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Tucker is now 16-0.

Lee Roy Murphy, 194, kayoed Darnell Hayes, 184, Columbus, in 2:39 of the second. Murphy is now 20-0.

Four-rounders: Billy Moreno, 134½, Chicago, won a majority decision over Dwight Pratchett, 135, Gary, Indiana. Jimmy Valleyfield, 168, Chicago, knocked out Nekoda Leftenant, 170, Columbus, in 2:07 of the first. Joe Starr, 130, knocked out fellow Chicagoan Floyd Smith, also 130, in 2:48 of the first round. (Starr is now 4-0.) Darrell Curtis, 138, Chicago, stopped Joe Louis Smith, 140, Chicago, in the second round on a cut eye. Rico Riccardo, 160½, Chicago, TKO'd Yuda Ben Judah, 165, Chicago, at 1:40 of round two.

Joey Ruiz, 140, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Anthony Joe Travis, also 140, Springfield, Illinois, six. Ruiz, who floored Travis in the first round, is now 10-0-1.

Referees—Bobby Carillo, Stanley Berg.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Collins Brown, Bill Lerch.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D., with two paramedics.
Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—1,709.

(03-15-84)

BOB SODERMAN

MICHIGAN

▲RUSSELVILLE—Russelville Ballroom—Charles Arnold Wells, 139, Davison, knocked out Emilio Sotomayer, 136½, Chicago, with a right in 2:15 of the first stanza. Wells is now 16-3. Sotomayer is 6-10-1.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Greg Page (Kentucky)
5. Mike Weaver (California)
6. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
7. John Tate (Tennessee)
8. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
9. "Bonecrusher" Smith (N. Carolina)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
12. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
13. Carl Williams (New York)
14. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
15. Eddie Gregg (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. John Davis (New York)
8. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
9. Pete McIntyre (California)
10. Richie Kates (Pennsylvania)
11. Charlie Singleton (Pennsylvania)
12. David Sears (New York)
13. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
14. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)
15. Prince Mohammad (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Marvelous Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
7. Alex Ramos (New York)
8. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
9. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
10. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
11. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
12. Doug De Witt (New York)
13. Andre Cooper (New Jersey)
14. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
15. Kevin Perry (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Mark Medal (New York)
3. Mike McCallum (New York)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. David Braxton (Michigan)
6. Fred Hutchings (California)
7. James Green (New Jersey)
8. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
9. Davey Moore (New York)
10. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
11. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
12. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
13. Duane Thomas (Michigan)
14. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
15. Mardo Roybal (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
3. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
4. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
5. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
6. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
7. Robert Rucker (New York)
8. Milton Guest (New York)
9. Pedro Vilella (New York)
10. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
11. Lupe Aquino (California)
12. Felipe Canela (California)
13. Rudy Hernandez (California)
14. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
15. Pablo Baez (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
2. Billy Costello (New York)
3. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
4. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
5. Saoul Mamby (New York)
6. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
7. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
8. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
9. Bruce Curry (Texas)
10. Anthony Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
11. Joe L. Manley (New Jersey)
12. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvanai)
13. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
14. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
15. Kel Robin (Florida)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
2. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
3. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
4. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
5. Howard Davis (New York)
6. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
7. Robin Blake (Texas)
8. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
9. Charles Brown (New Jersey)
10. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
11. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
12. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
13. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
14. Terrance Alli (New York)
15. Juan Ramon Cruz (New York)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Hector Camacho (New York)
3. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
4. Bobby Chacon (California)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Refugio Rojas (California)
8. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
9. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
10. Kelvin Lampkin (California)
11. Kenny Baysmore (Washington, D.C.)
12. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
13. Tony Santana (New York)
14. Louie Burke (New Mexico)
15. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Juan La Porte (Puerto Rico)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
5. Johnny De La Rosa (Florida)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
8. Jose Caba (California)
9. Ruben Castillo (California)
10. Paul De Vorce (New York)
11. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
12. Juan Meza (California)
13. Myron Taylor (Pennsylvania)
14. Billy White (Louisiana)
15. Idabeth Rojas (Florida)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Richard Sandoval (California)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. Jeff Chandler (Pennsylvania)
4. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Harold Petty (Texas)
7. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
8. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
9. James Manning (Oregon)
10. James Pipps (Texas)
11. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
12. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
13. Ricardo Varela (California)
14. Wayne Lynum (Illinois)
15. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Rojas (Florida)
3. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
4. Alonso Gonzales (California)
5. Mario Savala (California)
6. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
7. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
8. Henry Brent (New York)
9. Cipriano Arreola (California)
10. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
11. Armando Laredo (Texas)
12. Ian Clyde (California)
13. Felix Marquez (Puerto Rico)
14. Humberto Rodriguez (Texas)
15. Jose De Jesus (Puerto Rico)

Note: The Ring no longer excludes (American) world titleholders from the U.S. ratings. With the awarding of "world championships" of dubious validity by self-annointed sanctioning groups having become a growth industry, the editors believe the new policy best serves our readers.

Eric (The Whip) Curry, 175, Detroit, TKO'd debuting Kelly Kroy, 174, Detroit, at 1:00 of the third. Curry is now 7-1.

Willie McIntosh, 140, Grand Rapids, TKO'd Joe Amundson, 135, Chicago, at 1:55 of the second. McIntosh is now 12-14-3. Amundson is 0-3.

Vernon Bridges, 197, Flint, kayoed Robert Crawford, 196, Grand Rapids, in 2:45 of the third round. Bridges is now 4-7-1. Crawford is 0-3.

Martin Pierce, 175, Flint, halted Brian Simmons, 176, Grand Rapids, at 2:13 of the first round with two knockdowns. Pierce is now 8-1 in the pro ranks.

Rick Kimball, 158, Burton, won a majority decision over Frank Perez, 160, Grand Rapids, four. Kimball is now 2-1. Perez is 1-1.

Dave (The Kid) Guerra, 136, stopped Greg Collins, 145, Chicago, who was unable to come out for the second. Guerra is now 4-4.

Shawn Thomas, 132½, Detroit, knocked out Aaron McEwen, 125, Chicago, with a right to the body in 2:45 of the first. This was Thomas' fourth straight win.

D-Ring Promotions.

Matchmaker—Bill Chrisman.

Referee—Spence Carpentier.

Judges—John Cmach, Bernie Teachout, George Young.

Attendance—512.

(03-07-84)

▲DETROIT—Riverview Ballroom, Cobo Hall—Mike McCallum, 153¾, New York, knocked out Hasim Razzak, 152½, Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 2:28 of the first. Razzak went out on a shakey combination.

Former WBA lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty, 142¾, swarmed all over Sammy Young, 142¼, Troy, for two rounds before an accidental thumb at the end of the second left Young unable to answer the bell for round three. Kenty is now 26-2.

Hurley Snead, 124¼, Detroit, knocked out Javier Gonzalez, 129¼, Miami, Florida, with a thunderous straight right in 0:42 of the first round.

Former toughman winner Dion Simpson, 212, Detroit, scored a shocking six-round points win over Kronk's Tony Anthony, 219, Detroit, the reigning Michigan State heavyweight champion. Simpson, 12-0, floored Anthony near the end of the third session. Anthony, who dropped to 17-2, managed to beat the count, but fell victim to a great body attack during the last three cantos.

Shawn Thomas, 133, Detroit, outpointed Dave Guerra, also 133, Flint, four. Thomas is now undefeated in five bouts. Guerra is 4-5.

Eric (The Whip) Curry, 179, Detroit, outscored Bill Hollis, 184, Pontiac, four. Curry is now 8-1.

Referees—Bob Watson, Sam Williams.

Judges—B. Humphrey, T. Doran, T. Rutland.

Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.

Gold Circle Promotions.

Attendance—1,800 (estimated).

(03-10-84)

▲KALAMAZOO—Lawson Ice Arena, Western Michigan University—Curtis Isaac, 181, Kalamazoo, won the vacant Michigan State cruiserweight title with a unanimous (99-90, 98-91, 97-95) decision over Al Fracker, 180, Ft. Bragg, Georgia, 10. Isaac is now 10-3. Fracker, who won a controversial decision over Isaac six months earlier, is 13-4. Max Harnish, referee.

Ralph Twining, 145, Muskegon, won a split decision over Russell Mitchell, 149½, Milwaukee, eight. Twining is now 26-7. A good fight between two southpaws.

Dale Jackson, 162½, Chicago, kayoed Gary Jones, 163, Milwaukee, in 2:59 of round four.

Kenny Wright, 171½, Battle Creek, TKO'd Demetrius Love, 178, Milwaukee, in the first round. Wright is now 4-1.

Martin Rivera, 142½, Kalamazoo, TKO'd Greg Collins, 142, Milwaukee, at 2:37 of the first frame. Rivera is now 4-0.

K. P. Porter, 208, Battle Creek, TKO'd Trent Singleton, 205, Chicago, at 2:48 of the fourth round. Porter is now 4-0-1.

Brian Sumner, 147, Kalamazoo, TKo'd Woody Edwards, 149, Milwaukee, at 1:48 of the second. Sumner is now 6-0.

Crandell King, 157, Chicago, outscored Theodis Liggion, 161, Kalamazoo, in a terrific four-round contest that saw both men bleeding. King is now 2-0-1. Liggion is 3-2.

Referees—Len Hutchins, Max Harnish.

Judges—Johnny Butler, Sid Shank.

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(03-17-84)

▲ALLEN PARK—Civic Arena—E. Wade Costict, 129½, Detroit, won the vacant Michigan State junior lightweight title with a close but unanimous (96-95, 96-94, 97-94) decision over Kronk's J. L. Ivey, 129¾, 10. Dale Grable, referee.

Michigan State junior middleweight champion Darnell Knox, 150¾, Highland Park, hammered veteran Pete Seward around the ring until referee Grable stopped the contest at 2:21 of the second. Knox is now 16-1.

Dion Simpson, 207½, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over chubby Frank Draper, 205, Toledo, Ohio, six. Simpson, 13-0, fought the final three rounds with one hand; he had hurt his right mitt in the third.

Billy Hearns, 128¼, Detroit, made it five in a row with a majority decision over Tony Rutledge, 137, Columbus, Ohio, four.

John Hearns, 141, Detroit, won a unanimous verdict over southpaw Duane Galloway, 149, Columbus, four.

Spencer (The Warrior) Chavis, 188, Dearborn Heights, won a onesided unanimous decision over Ronald (Asim Abdul) Sampson, 200, Philadelphia, six. Chavis is now 9-0 in the paid ranks.

Rick West, 159¼, Detroit, TKO'd Dave Diener, 159, Flint, at 2:24 of the second. West is now 2-0. Diener is 2-2.

MHD Promotions.

Referees—Dale Grable, Marv McDonald.

Judges—Tom Doran, Randy Ericson, T. Rutland.

Attendance—600 (estimated).

(03-23-84)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—An outstanding clubstyle card was presented at this casino, which has become very active lately with an array of promoters, in this case the Duvas. No big names appeared, but every bout was competitive, with six upsets—and the headliner fighting for his life.

Kevin Moley, 159¾, Selden, Long Island, took a unanimous win over Dave Todt, 158¾, Washington, D.C., in a spirited 10. The Duvas' latest acquisition looked to have an easy workout early, but was unable to put Todt away despite rocking him often. The determined Todt turned it into a thriller in the stretch, as a surprise left hook dropped Moley in the ninth. Dave tried hard to pull it out in the tenth, as Kevin's left eye was closed, but Todt punched himself out. Moley roared back to finally deck him with a right just before the final bell. Scores: Frank Brunette, 8-2; John Stewart, 7-2-1; Carol Castellano, 7-3. Tony Perez refereed.

Tyrone Demby, 157½, Pleasantville, looked sharp after a layoff, upsetting hot Jorge Anparo, 161½, Paterson, via unanimous decision, six. In a great fight, Anparo was all over Demby, but Tyrone fought off the ropes with excellent inside counters. The crowd booed the verdict loudly, but the judges did a good job on this one. Tony Orlando refereed.

Elias Martinez, 131¾, Bronx, despite being down and almost out in the fifth, outfought Allen Osbourne, 129, Farmdale, OH, by unanimous decision in rugged infighting, six. Ref, Perez.

Sammy Wright, 158½, Atl. City, got an unpopular split decision over Bobby Duncan, 164½, Hackensack, four. Duncan hit harder, but Wright stayed busy. Ref, Orlando.

Tony Saladin, 128, Newark, dropped John Fonte, 125¾, Totowa, in the first, then tired but kept swinging to gain the unanimous win, four. Ref, Perez.

Steve Little, 148¾, Reading, edged James Morgan, 148, Paterson, by unanimous decision in a good four. Ref, Orlando.

Derrell Smith, 148¾, formerly Pleasantville, now Newark, showed improved punching to TKO Bobby Joe Brown, 145¾, Wash., DC, at 3:05 of the first of four. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter/matchmaker—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Attendance—800 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

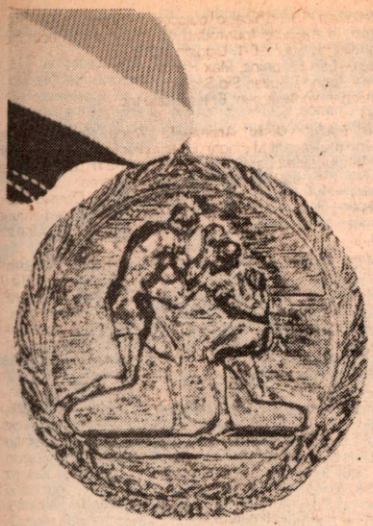
(02-22-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Kevin Perry, 159½, S. Phila., took a close, majority decision from Tony Suero, 160, W. Phila., in a disappointing 10. The bout was interesting, as the expected fireworks never developed. This was because Suero chose to abandon his usual slugging style and turn boxer. After the first couple of rounds, in which Tony felt Kevin's power in some good exchanges, Suero began circling away and jabbing. He did this well enough to keep the action close, as Kevin frequently stumbled futilely after him. But he wasn't adept enough to give the impression that he commanded the action. His jab was often just pushed out, and he couldn't move and counter well at the same time.

Perry was no master at cutting off the ring, but he did land enough solid hooks to the ribs and head to give the impression he had Tony running. Judge Harold Lederman voted a draw (5-5), but John Stewart (6-3-1) and Frank Brunette (6-4) awarded the bout to Perry. Suero collapsed in disbelief upon hearing the verdict. "I did what they say you're supposed to do. I boxed the man. I did a paint job on his face with my jab. Are you telling me jabs don't mean anything anymore?" Still, it was a close loss against a tough opponent to be breaking in a new act. Maybe Tony just needs to polish it up. Referee was Rudy Battle.

Lonnie Smith, 137, Denver, easily defeated Forrest Winchester, 137½, Columbus, Ohio, by unanimous decision, 10. The loser showed all the imagination of a clam, as he continually walked in behind the same one-two, making it easy for Smith's unorthodox, hands-down style to completely smother his offense. Lonnie threw only occasional punches, knocking Winchester down in the third, but they were the only shots landing in a dullish waltz. Tony Orlando refereed.

Mark McPherson, 154, Hempstead, Long Island, took a



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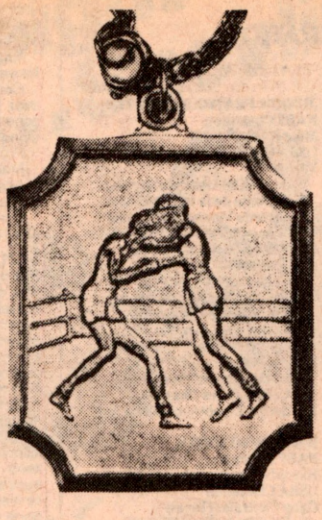

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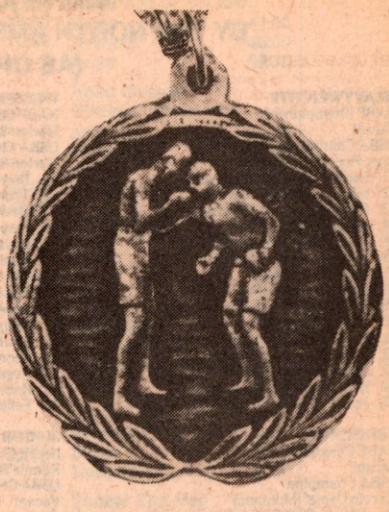

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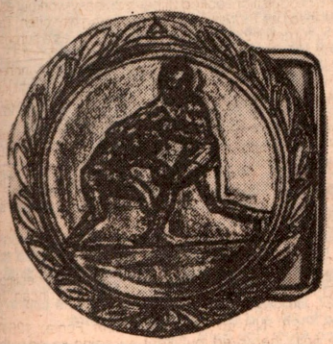

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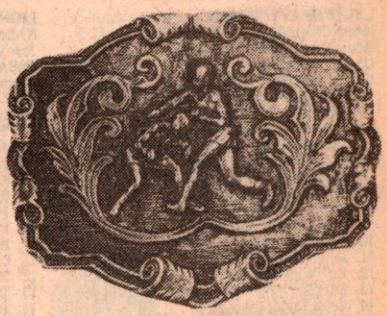

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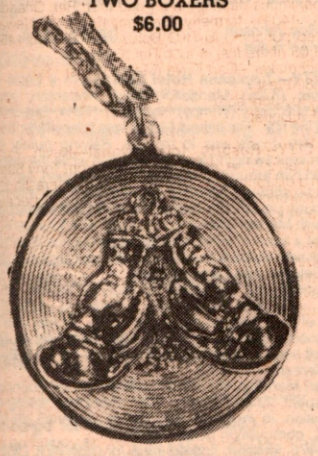

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unanimous win over Steve Gambles, 161, Indianapolis, in a sloppy, but brusing eight. Steve was down in the seventh, while Mark's face was badly damaged. Ref Battle.

Tony Coleman, 127, Trenton, TKO'd Jose Ledesma, 126, Newark, at 1:08 of the first of four, one knockdown. Ref Orlando.

Georgie Navarro, 127, Vineland, scored an impressive TKO over Ewart Chance, 128¾, Brooklyn, at 0:53 of the first in a scheduled four, drilling him with one short, straight right. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—400 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-01-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Park Place Hotel Casino—History repeated itself when a training injury pulled Gene Hatcher out of his scheduled meeting with Howard Davis. Howard himself had withdrawn from his most recently scheduled bout, against equally-gifted stylist "Butterfly" Crawley. When that happened, an untried West Coast slugger, Steve Romero, came in and made Crawley look good. This time, Davis was the recipient of almost identical circumstances when Connie Swift was brought in to replace Hatcher.

Swift's main claims were the Calif. state and Schlitz Beer Tournament titles, but against Davis, he lacked the skills to be anything but a perfect opponent. A short, heavy-set stalker, he followed Davis around the ring, showing enough determination to keep the bout interesting if not competitive. But he was so frustrated by Howard's movement, he more often than not found himself wading through combinations only to find his tormentor gone when he got there. Connie, 135, Lynwood, Calif., tried all-out to pin Davis on the ropes in the fourth. But Howard was even able to get the best of the close-in exchanges, and by round's end, had Swift paying for his indiscretion. Davis, 137¼, Dix Hills, Long Island, showed who was boss with a commanding fifth, and by the sixth, seemed to be toying with his man.

When Howard began dropping his arms and bouncing around in the eighth, it appeared he'd given up trying to hurt the durable Swift, and was content to box his way to victory., But he surprised everyone when a whistling right came by way of the Cape to sit Connie down just before the round's end. Swift remained seated, in his corner that is, when the bell rang for the ninth, giving Davis a TKO win in the scheduled 10. The referee was Vinnie Rainone. Fans and press over-reacted a bit to Howard's tailor-made win, but he does seem to be shaking the cautious bore image that has plagued him. Perhaps he's maturing as a fighter, even if continuing managerial scandals leave his personal maturity a subject of question. Howard claims he's standing still jsut the extra split second it takes to get more power into his punches. "I can still slip and counter," he said, "but I don't feel the need to move constantly anymore. Before, I wasn't confident standing still."

Howard's brother, Kenny Davis, 138¼, Coram, Long Island, was held to a majority draw by Kenny Willis, 141, Bridgeport, CT, six. Davis' late charge appeared to give him an edge, and he did get one vote. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Fred Pendleton, 132¾, Phila., beat comebacking oldie Luis "The Bull" Vega, 134, Reading, by unanimous decision, four. Luis is the same guy who helped break in "Sugar" Ray Leonard's act on national TV. Ref, Rainone.

Southpaw Darrow Dudley, 153¼, Plainfield, stopped Andre Harrell, 156¼, Baltimore, who was badly cut up and failed to come out for the fifth of a scheduled six slugfest. Ref, Rainone.

Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 131¾, Plainfield, bettered Jose (Cheo) Ortiz, 127, Brooklyn, into a TKO loss when he couldn't come out for the fourth and last round. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Judges—Lawrence Wallace, Phil Newman, Thomas Kaczmarek.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-03-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—In a battle of nicknames, Alvino (Killer) Manson, 174½, Anderson, Ind., knocked out late sub Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, 173¾, Branford, Conn., at 0:44 of the fifth. The scheduled 10 was to scientific boxing about what Jim Jones was to religion. Relying purely on strength, Manson kept swinging for the home run while the gangly Halstead cuffed him around. A wild left hook dropped Jerry in the second, and he showed heart fighting his way back into the bout. The notoriously partial Trop fans came to life as Halstead rallied in the third, with Manson seeming out of gas and floundering. But Alvino caught a second wind, and in the fifth, twice clubbed Wimpy to the floor with all the finesse of Paul Bunyan clipping off a few redwoods. Referee was Larry Hazzard.

Quite the opposite was displayed by Ricardo Bryant, 154, Washington, Pa., who used short, sharp counters to muffle the kamikaze attack of Don King, 153½, Indianapolis. Bryant was in command in a good, action bout into the eighth and final round, when a perfect left hook counter knocked King cold at 0:15. Randy Newmann refereed.

Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 151, Phila., proved too experienced for young prospect Angel Sindo, 151, Camden, taking a unanimous decision in a good six. Milton Greene, of the Washington, D.C. commission guest-refereed.

Robert Folley, 176, Phoenix, floored Jack Johnson, 178, DC, in the fifth, and took a split decision, six. Greene refereed.

Anthony Shaw, 136, D.C., got a close but unanimous win over Johnny Hutter, 140½, Washington, Pa., in a hard-fought four. Referee, Neumann.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1400 (est.).
Judges—John Stewart, Harold Lederman, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
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▲ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's—You knew up front that this wasn't going to exactly be an epic. You were right, it wasn't. Dwight Muhammad (Braxton) Qawi, 180¾, Camden/Cherry Hill, N.J., the former World Light Heavyweight Champion, has yet to get back that "get hungry" look. He lives in surburban comfort now. Nice house, nice car; family man, you know.

His opponent, a fellow who also underwent a name change, was Vic Valentino (formerly Pat Cuillo). the 181½-pound Vineland, N.J. resident is a master at making for dull "fights". He didn't disappoint his few followers this night.

Vic crowded Dwight to smother his attacks, rather than try and win it from outside via his height and reach advantage. For his part, Dwight was not very imaginative. He was willing to take what Vic presented him and not much more. Dwight later called it ring rust. Maybe he was trying to lure ringside spectator Michael Spinks into a false sense of security.

Scoring was as follows: Richard F. Murry, 8-2; Tony Castellano, 9-1; Carol Castellano, 8-1-1. *The Ring* agreed with Tony, giving Vic only round one.

In a four-rounder, Pedro Rivera, 135¼, Camden, N.J. stopped shaven headed southpaw W.C. Pinkston, 135¾, Newark, N.J. at 1:52 of round two. Pinkston was dropped once in that session. He got up at six, but the ref intervened. It was the pro debut for both.

In an eight, Frankie Warren (brother of Willie) 142¾, Corpus Christi, Texas, halted Garland Wright, 143, Scranton, Pa., at 2:09 of round six. The chunky Texan nearly chased the bewildered Wright through the ropes. Garland was floored once in the fourth. He had nothing to hold off Warren with.

Keith Corbett, 142¼, Cherry Hill, N.J. stopped Eusebio Sosa, 139¾, Brooklyn, N.Y. at 30 seconds of round two. Sosa, was dropped once, just before the bell. Corbett shares the Qawi family home.

Billy Saunders, 175, Vineland, N.J. got a unanimous nod over John Tyrell, 175¼, Glens Falls, N.Y. This was a crowd pleasing scrap with little defense and a rematch of their February battle in which Billy got a disputed call. Scores in this one were Tony Castellano, 4-2; Carol, 4-1-1; Murry, 6-0. *The Ring* saw it 3-2-1 for Saunders.

Promoter—Main Events

Referees—Tony Perez handled the main event and the Corbett win. Tony Orlando did the Rivera, Saunders, and Warren wins.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson

Ring Announcer—Ed Derain

(03-21-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—A "big" upset here. Richard Nixon, 149¼, Phila., was assuredly the commander-in-chief tonight in stopping Ramon Santana, 149, Camden, N.J. at 0:52 of round seven. Santana was dropped twice in that round. Ramon came into his first main-event at 11 with nine kayoes, Nixon at 5-5, with three knockouts being stopped three times.

The Philadelphian appeared much larger than Santana. Nixon was a junior middleweight coming down and Ramon had been a 142-145 pounder. Nevertheless, the changes were startling. Nixon fought and boxed like he was the number one contender. He did everything he had to do to win. The popping jab, slipping just enough to avoid the left hook, then countering with his own right. He covered well and bullied Santana back in the clinches.

Ramon was simply outgunned and outclassed. Stage fright? He intimidated, pure and simple. He also received a small (four stitches) cut on the corner of his right eye in the fourth. Nixon was ahead on all cards in this scheduled 10. *The Ring* had it 5-0-1 for Nixon.

In a scheduled eight, Carl Riskus, 154¼, Pitts., Pa., stopped one Kahliq Abdul Muhammad, 147½, Detroit, at 1:35 of the first. Muhammad was dropped once. The crowd loved it because at the mid-ring instructions, Kahliq shoved Riskus instead of touching gloves as is the custom. They cheered every punch Carl threw.

In the pro debut for both, Reuben Brown, 140¼, Pittsburgh, Pa. won a four-round split decision over Atlas Pinson, 139½, Phila. These two fought a spirited 12 minutes and accorded themselves well in ability.

Bryan Miller, 177, Richmond, Ky., turned pro with a second round technical knockout over Kid (Tank) Martin, 181¼, Louisville, Ky. Martin was dropped once by the southpaw and it was over at 0:29 of the round. Scheduled for four.

Leon Drummond, 130½, Easton, Pa., won a four-round unanimous decision over tall Carlos Garcia, 129¼, Hoboken, N.J. Drummond was just too strong.

Sam David 119½, Phillipsburg, Pa. won a six-round unanimous decision over David Capo, 121, New York.

Referees—Rudy Battle worked the Riskus, Brown, and Drummond wins. Frank Cappuccino refereed the Miller, David, and Nixon wins.

Judges—Ray Hoagland, Al DeVito, Richard F. Murry.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.

Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.

Ring Announcer—Ed Darien.

(03-27-84)

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NEW YORK

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Vilomar Fernandez, 141, New York, won a split decision over Angel Cruz, 140½, Bethlehem, Pa., 10. The scores were 6-4 and 6-3-1, Fernandez; 5-4-1, Cruz. Very close fight. Fernandez is now 29-10-2 with nine kayoes. Cruz is 16-5-1 with five knockouts.

Late sub Victor Acosta, 128½, New York, a southpaw, won a close but unanimous decision over Pedro Montero, 128, New York, 10. A left hook decked Montero in the first. The scores were 5-5 (6-5 in points), 6-4, and 6-4. Acosta is now 15-7-1 with seven kayoes. Montero is 8-4-2 with six knockouts.

Felix Santiago, 135, Brooklyn, TKO'd Mike Dominguez, 136, New York, at 1:06 of the eighth.

Anthony Holt, 158, Brooklyn, kayoed Darryl Spain, 163, Cleveland, in 3:03 of the second.

Ricky Young, 141, Brooklyn, TKO'd James Singleton, also 141, Newark, at 1:18 of the fourth.

Richard Burton, 160, Bronx, TKO'd Earl Ayers, 163, Jersey City, at 0:18 of the fourth.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendance—664. Gross—$8,543.

(03-12-84)

RANDY GORDON

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—House heavyweight Eddie Gregg, 209, won a majority decision over game but outgunned Robert Lee Evans, also 209, Jersey City, 10. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 7-3; George DeGabriel, 8-2; Al Reid, 5-5. *The Ring* agreed with Castellano. Gregg is now 19-0-1 with 15 kayoes. Evans is 6-7-3 with two knockouts.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 144, Brentwood, New York, stopped Jake Torrance, 144½, Gary, Indiana, in their scheduled 10-rounder. Torrance retired after round six. Johnny Colan, referee. McGirt is now 14-0-1 with 13 knockouts. Torrance is 10-11 with four kayoes.

Pedro Estrada, 155, Brooklyn, halted Johnny Davis, 150, Brooklyn, in a scheduled eight-rounder. Davis retired after the fourth session. Al LoBianco, referee.

Elijah Muhammad, 128, Newark, TKO'd Darryl Graham, 124½, Buffalo, at 0:46 of the eighth and final canto. Graham was down in the fifth. Johnny Colan, referee.

Andres Tena, 123, Bronx, TKO'd Rafael Castillo, 121½, Guajaca, Mexico, at 2:36 of the third round in their scheduled six. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

David Harris, 178½, Huntington, New York, knocked out Harry DeCosey, 178¾, Irvington, New Jersey, in 0:34 of the first round in another scheduled six. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Rodney Bowen, 148, Brooklyn, TKO'd Julio Julio, also 148, Dominican Republic, at 2:03 of the fourth and final session. Al LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(03-30-84)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Vilomar Fernandez, 140, Bronx, called upon his sack of skills to slip, dip, and dart his way to a unanimous decision over Billy Parks, 138¾, New Orleans, 10. Scoring: Artie Levine, 9-1 (10-1 in points); Eva Shain, 7-3; Victor Suarez, 6-4. John LoBianco, referee. Fernandez is now 29-11-2 with nine knockouts. Parks is 23-4-4 with 14 kayoes.

Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz, 134½, New York, TKO'd Forest Winchester, 133½, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:06 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Cruz is now 14-1 with 13 kayoes. Winchester is 16-3-2 with 11 knockouts. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Kato Wilson, 135, Brooklyn, won a unanimous (all cards 4-2) decision over Cesar Guzman, also 135, Paterson, New Jersey, six. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Pedro Maisonet, 140, Bronx, and southpaw Kenny Willis, 139, New York, drew, six. John LoBianco, referee. Scoring: Levine, 5-1, Willis; Shain, 3-3; Suarez, 3-2-1, Maisonet. A poor verdict; Willis seemed to dominate the action. John LoBianco, referee.

Ricky Young, 138½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Edgar Rodriguez, 135, Hartford, Conn., at 1:27 of the third round in their scheduled six. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 133, Plainfield, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Danny Rivera, also 133, Bethlehem, Pa., six. Scoring: Levine, 6-0; Shain, 5-1; Suarez, 4-2. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Richard Burton, 159½, Bronx, TKO'd Adom Hilliman, 158½, Hartford, at 1:51 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(04-13-84)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Jimmy Clark, 214, Coatesville, Pa., won an unimpressive split decision over southpaw Clarence Hill, 221, New Rochelle, New York, 10. Scoring: Leo Dazzo, 10-0, Clark; Billy Graham, 6-3-1, Clark; Ted Wint, 6-4, Hill. *The Ring* card agreed with Graham. Paul Venti, referee. Clark is now 14-0 with 12 kayoes. Hill is 16-3 with 14 knockouts.

Southpaw Dennis Cruz, 129½, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Montero, 128½, San Cristobal, Dominican Republic, 10. Scoring: Dazzo, 7-3, Graham, 8-1-1; Wint, 7-3 (8-3 in points). Randy Neumann, referee. Cruz is now 18-1 with 15 kayoes. Montero is 8-5-2 with six knockouts.

Joe Louis Manley, 140½, Atlantic City, TKO'd Andre Wynn, 139, San Diego, Calif., at 2:56 of the first round with three knockdowns. Arthur Mercante, Jr. refereed the scheduled 10. Manley is now 16-2 with nine knockouts. Wynn is 14-4 with 12 kayoes.

Carlos (Rocky) Hernandez, 218, Union City, N.J., knocked out Henry (The Bulldog) Patterson, in 0:35 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Paul Field, referee.

Felix Santiago, 137, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Rivera, 134, Hoboken, N.J., eight. Scoring: Dazzo, 7-1; Graham, 8-0; Wint, 5-3. Paul Field, referee.

Emmett Decker, 140½, White Plains, New York, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Willis, 141, Bridgeport, Conn., six. Scoring: Dazzo and Graham, both 6-0; Wint, 4-2. Randy Neumann, referee.

David (The Hammer) Harris, 177½, Huntington, New York, TKO'd Robert McConnell, 175, Washington, D.C., at 1:28 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(04-27-84)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—Russell Peltz returned to the scene of his first promotions, teaming with the Horizon's most recent steady promoter, Harold Moore, as matchmaker. Together, they revived the old fight club with one of the best cards, to one of the most rollicking houses, seen here in over a decade.

"Shotgun" Jimmy Muse, 147½, Phila., won a close, but deserved, unanimous decision over tough-luck Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 147¼, Phila., eight. Showing improved balance and defense, Muse set the pace, while Mendez often preferred to wait and counter. Sugar started slow, scored heavily in the middle rounds, but was outhustled in a thrilling finish. Adalaide Tyndale scored 39-35, John Stewart 37-35, and Joe Henry 37-36.

Marlon Palmer, 151¼, Pottstown, and Vernon James, 148, Phila., battled to a draw in an exciting six. Vernon was lucky to get the draw, but a gallant stand in the final round did help his cause.

Dawud Shaw, 175, Chester, TKO'd a tough nut to crack in Mike Harris, 177, Phila., who was dropped twice by winging rights, at 1:33 of the third of six.

Peltz debuted his two hottest new finds in scheduled fours, and both won impressively. One of them, Andre Sharpe Richardson, 142, Phila., destroyed Stacey Moultrie, 139, Phila., with a textbook combination at just 0:21 of the first. Stacey was out for several minutes.

The other, Bryan Jones, 119, Phila., hammered lefty Marvin Alexander, 114, Paterson, all over the ring for a round, with Marvin not coming out for the second.

Kermit Williams, 157, Phila., beat Eric Jones, 162½, Phila., by unanimous decision, four.

Attendance—700. Gross—$7000 (est.).

Referee—Bob Polis.

Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.

Announcer—Hank Kropinski.

(03-06-84)

▲PHILADELPHIA—Champ's Camp—Joe Manley, 141, Clementon, N.J., scored an easy unanimous decision over Cesar Guzman, 140, Paterson, eight. Joe's been training at the gym here, so it was decided to showcase him on a card. However, it's difficult to find an opponent on the club level who can match Joe's skills, so Guzman, although providing a workout, was no serious opposition. Scores: Carol Polis, 40-32; Bob LaGuardia, 39-32; Tommy Cross, a generous 38-35. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Jerry Williams, 162, Phila., outbattled returning Sterling Quick, 166½, Phila., to take a unanimous decision in good infighting, six. Ref, Cappuccino.

Mark Petroski, 148, Mayfair (Phila.), TKO'd James Dixon, 148, Phila., with one big left hook at 1:58 of the first, scheduled four. Referee Bob Polis.

Tom Mazzeo, 147, Warminster, repeated over Wali Abdullah, 145½, Phila., by unanimous decision, four. Ref, Polis.

Nicky D'Amario, 147, Phila., TKO'd pathetic Asim Abdul, 142, Phila., a wild-swinging kid who came in without even a trainer, at 0:44 of the second, one knockdown in each round, scheduled four. Ref, Polis.

Grady Thriller Smith, 171½, Jacksonville Beach, FL, was lucky to get a majority decision over lanky Stanley Robinson, 177½, Phila., in an all-action four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Tony Montgomery, 146, Phila., looked good stopping Anthony Solomon, 152, Phila., with one knockdown at 0:56 of the second, scheduled four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter—Barry Shapiro.

Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.

Attendance—300. Gross—$3000 (est.).

Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.

Announcer—Hank Kropinski.

(03-13-84)

▲PHILADELPHIA—J & A CATERERS—While the big fights have largely gone from this city, club boxing seems to be bounding back, with the second fine show in three days. Promoter Bob Connelly, forced out of Conshohocken by greedy tax mongers, relocated to S. Philly with encouraging results.

Marvin Mack, 173, S. Phila., scored a repeat win over arch rival James Stills, 175, N. Phila., in a bruising eight. Mack appeared too strong, able to push Stills back in the infighting, and aided by questionable knockdown calls in the second and third. But southpaw Stills tried hard to pull it out in the late rounds, making it a crowd-pleaser. The scores were unanimous for Mack: Al Morris 37-35, Bob LaGurardia 39-31, and Lynne Carter 38-33. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Johnny Rasta Herbert, 148, formerly Vancouver, now Lansdale, PA, stopped tough spoiler Jake "The snake" Riley, 142, Troy, NY, with a solid body attack. Jake failed to come out for the fifth of eight. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Alphonso Mitchell, 129, N. Phila., upset Luis diaz, 128, N. Phila., by majority decision in a great six. Mitchell's experience in the trenches told against green Diaz, who was hurt several times and down in the sixth. Ref, Sgrillo.

Anibal Perez, 154¼, Camden, halted an exhausted Willie Gamble, 152, Troy, not out for the third of six. Ref, Sgrillo.

Kenny Reese, 157, S. Phila., impressed, knocking down Lou Owens, 156, Wilmington, in the second, and taking a majority call, four. Ref, O'Neil.

Edwin "E.T." Thomas, 139, N. Phila., edged Tony Burroughs, 135, Logan (Phila.), by majority verdict in an action four. Ref O'Neil.

Greg Hackett, 154, Chester, beat Everon Moore, 159¼, Germantown, by unanimous decision, with a knockdown in the second, four. Ref Sgrillo.

Attendance—400. Gross—$6000 (est.).

Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.

Announcer—Frank Talent.

(03-15-84)

J.R. JOWETT

▲SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—Johnny Turner, Brooklyn, returned to the ring after a year and a half lay-off and stopped Johnny (Ya Ya Ali) Davis, New York, at 2:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled welterweight eight. Turner got the worse of it during the early sessions, and sustained a gash over the right eye. John McHale, referee.

Kevin Rooney, Catskill, New York, and Terry Crawley, Hyannis, Mass., drew, eight, welters. Scoring: judge Phil Bosha, 37-36, Crawley; judge Jack Castellani, 38-36, Rooney; judge Chris Kerias, 36-36.

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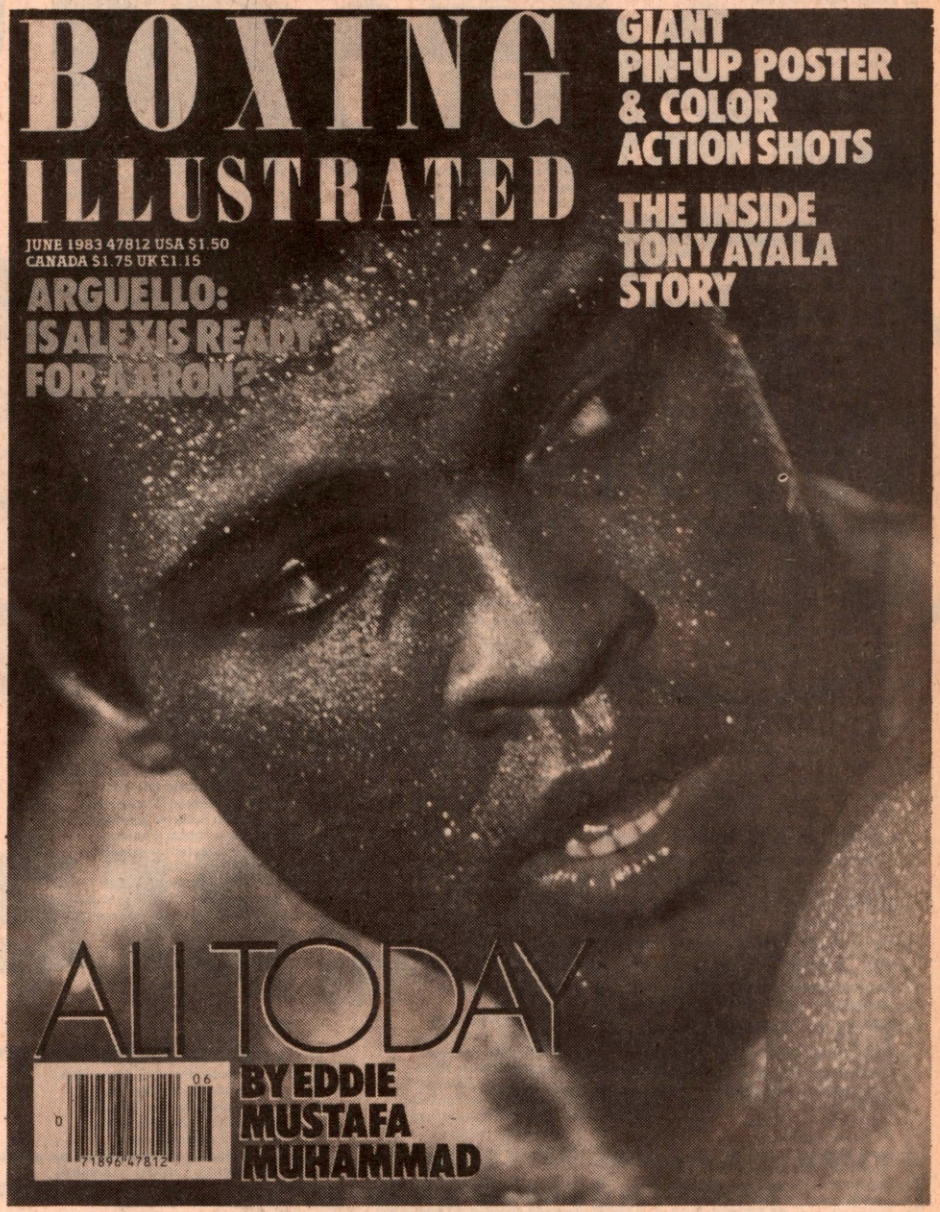

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20. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)

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6. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
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11. Ramón Abeldaño (Argentina)
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13. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
14. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
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16. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
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3. José Caba (Dom. Rep.)
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4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Gilberto Román (Mexico)
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19. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
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Matt O'Malley, Scranton, won a unanimous decision over Rickey Clements, York, Maine, six rounds, lightweights.

John Herbert, Lansdale, Pa., TKO'd Dwayne (Buzz) Jones, Troy, New York, at 2:22 of the fourth round in their scheduled six-frame welterweight bout.

John David Jackson, Lansdale, Pa., TKO'd junior middleweight Keith Todd, Philadelphia, at 2:26 of the third round in another scheduled six.

This was the 12th Annual Chic Feldman Foundation Boxing Presentation. Former world light heavyweight champion Billy Conn was in attendance.

Attendance—884.

(04-11-84)

▲**NOTES**—State Deputy Boxing Commissioner Jimmie Manley passed away in March.

JIM LEO

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Top junior lightweight Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed featherweight Hipólito Nuñez in 10. The first half of the bout was for Nuñez, on the basis of a continued offensive. The winner had his best part in rounds seven to ten, due to greater speed, strength, and physical condition. Judges scored 98-95, 98-97, and 98-98. The public approved the tough match. (03-02-84)

▲**SAN JUAN**—Argentina and Latin America junior middleweight champion Patricio Díaz drew with middleweight Angel Caro, 10 rounds, split decision. (03-02-84)

▲**PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PEÑA**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez outclassed Córdoba state champion Carlos Laciar, 10. Dominguez should look for world title opportunities. Bob Arum was well impressed with Ramón when watching him in South Africa several months ago. (03-02-84)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Lorenzo García decided to resign his Argentine lightweight title due to his inability to make the weight. (03-05-84)

▲**VILLA HUIDOBRO**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outpointed veteran Raúl (Nico) Pérez, 10. An excellent performance by the champion. (03-09-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Unbeaten junior welterweight prospect Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi outpointed Ricardo (Bolita) Espinoza, 10, split decision. (03-09-84)

▲**RIO CUARTO**—In a fight between two of the top Argentine junior lightweights, Raúl Roque Bianco outclassed Faustino Barrios, 10, split decision. (03-09-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Gustavo Ballas outpointed Luis Gerez, 10, bantamweights. Gerez went down in the eighth. (03-16-84)

▲**CORDOBA**—Adrián Román outpointed Ruben Condori, twelve, to retain his Argentine flyweight crown and avenge a previous loss to Condori (on December 30, 1983, in a match for the South American title). (03-16-84)

▲**PARANA**—Former South American light heavyweight champion Jose María Flores Burlon outpointed Andrés Olmedo, 10. (03-16-84)

▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Rising junior middleweight Carlos V. Velazquez outpointed middleweight Eduardo Contreras, 10. (03-16-84)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez retained his Argentine junior featherweight title by stopping previously unbeaten Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez in the third. Chavez went to the canvas at 30 seconds of the first round, fell again in the third, and was finally knocked out later in the round. An excellent job by Ramón. (03-17-84)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outpointed junior lightweight Daniel Murúa, 10. (03-23-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—In the first fight in this Stadium, Argentine junior lightweight Carlos (Gato) Olivera was outpointed by Alberto Aragón through a technical decision when the bout was stopped in the fifth round due to an eye injury sustained by the champion. (03-23-84)

▲**HUINCA RENANCO**—In a big upset, inexperienced Lucio Lopez surprised South American bantamweight champion José Rufino Narváez and halted him in the second round. (03-23-84)

▲**OLAVARRIA**—Ramón Collado outpoiunted Adolfo Arce Rossi, 10, junior welterweights, via split decision. (03-23-84)

▲**MORENO**—Light heavyweight sensation César (La Bestia) Romero knocked out Juan José Leyva in two. (03-23-84)

▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—José (Tigre) Benitez Sosa halted Celestino Pacheco in three, welterweights. (03-23-84)

▲**SAN JUAN**—Junior lightweight Pedro Armando Gutierrez stopped lightweight Norberto Reyna in the second. (03-23-84)

▲**CHARATA**—Jesús Romero halted Norberto Ramirez in nine, lights. (03-23-84)

▲**CONCORDIA**—Ramón Albers knocked out Alberto Pacheco in three, flyweights. (02-23-84)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Carlos Prieto, in a very good performance, unanimously outpointed Ramón Abledaño, 10, welterweights. (03-24-84)

▲**ROSARIO DE LA FRONTERA**—Benjamín del Valle Sendín halted Ramón Galarce in three, junior featherweights.

BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian middleweight champion Carlos Antunes outpoiunted Argentine Pablo Ferreyra, 10.

Brazilian junior featherweight champion Danilo Batista halted Elcio Mesías in six.

Argentine Jorge Gallardo stopped Pedro Ferraro in two, welterweights. (02-25-84)

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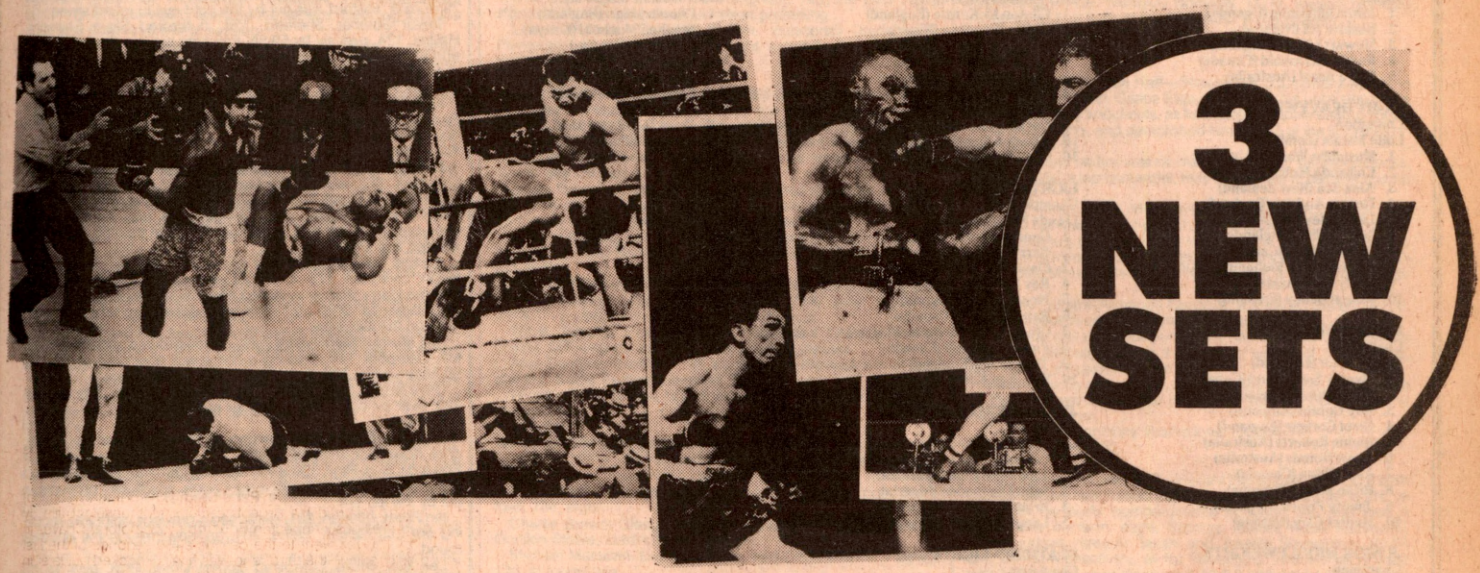

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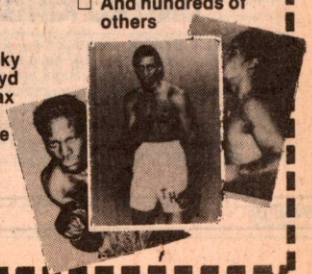

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6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
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8. Brian Muller (Guyana)
9. Jimmy Prince (England)
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7. Nick Wilshire (England)
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10. Lawrence Austin (Australia)

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Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
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3. Dave Hilton (Canada)
4. Russell Sands (Australia)
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Champion
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1. Barry McGuigan (No. Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
4. Clyde Ruan (England)
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9. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
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Champion
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1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. John Feeney (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
6. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
7. Jeff Roberts (Guyana)
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ECUADOR

▲QUITO—Unbeaten lightweight Nelson Bolaños knocked out Chilean Pedro (Ray) Miranda in four.
(02-17-84)

VENEZUELA

▲VALLE DE LA PASCUA—José Castillo outpointed Colombian Marcos Vente, 10.
(02-17-84)

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲WEMBLEY ARENA—Frank Bruno, 220½, kayoed Argentinian Juan Figueroa, 206½, in 67 seconds of round one. Figueroa did absolutely nothing, was caught with a left and a right, went down, and stayed down. It was impossible to say which of the two blows was responsible for the knockout, and although doubts had been cast on Figueroa's ability, he was not expected to wilt so quickly. No reflection on Bruno. He did a clinical job, but can't have learned anything from this bout.

British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Mark Kaylor, 161¼, didn't lose a round in outpointing American Randy Smith, 160¾, over 10 by 100-95½, which indicates that Smith managed to draw one round.

Smith soon realized the ability of his opponent, and contented himself with concentrating on survival. Both were cut by the eye in round eight, but nothing serious.

Making his British debut, Commonwealth heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick, Canada, 215, outpointed a game fighter in American Mark Lee, 203, over 10 by 99-96½.

There were one or two occasions on which Lee looked as if had had enough. In fact, in round 10, Berbick invited the referee to stop the contest, but Lee came right back, and was always willing to fight.

Funso Banjo kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Billy Thomas, America, 230, over eight by 79½-77. Not one to be remembered, and the fans voiced their disapproval at various points of the contest.

Dave Dent, Camden, 141½, beat Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 141¼, the referee intervening in round four after Lake had been down and was injured by the right eye.

Rory Burke, Ipswich, 129¼, outpointed Alec Irvine, Corby, 127½, over eight by 79½-78.
(03-13-84)

▲LONDON—Porchester Hall—Steve Watt, Hayes, 148, confirmed a previous win by knocking out Dominic Bergonzi, Battersea, 148, in round three with a right hand. Watt has now won six in a row, the last four inside schedule.

Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 118¼, narrowly outpointed Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 121¼, over eight by 78½-78. Both were previously unbeaten, and the fans tossed in nobbins.

Barry Ellis, Burnt Oak, 203, didn't lose a round in outscoring Michael Armstrong, Shildon, 201, by 60-58 over six.

Tony Rabbetts, Heston, 158, drew with Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 154¾, six.

Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 145, narrowly outpointed Steve Tempro, Leicester, 150, over six by 59-58½.
(03-01-84)

▲GLASGOW—Normandy Hotel—Scottish welter champ Jim Kelly, 149½, outpointed Geoff Pegler, the Welsh lightwelter champ, Swansea, 148½, over eight by 79-78, a margin which indicates a two-round advantage. There were many who thought Pegler deserved at least a draw.

Kelly did well to overcome the handicap of a swelling by the right eye from the fourth round in a contest fought at a blistering pace.

Debutant Dave Summer, 205½, outscored Steve Abadom, Newcastle, 202, over four by 39½-39.

Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, won every round in outpointing Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 147, over six by 60-57.

Debutant John McAllister, Greenock, 150½, outscored Peter Philips, Dinnington, 152, not losing a round with a 60-57½ over six.

Hugh Kelly, Blantyre, 133½, beat Steve Swifty, Halifax, 134, stopping him in two rounds. Swifty was down twice in round one.
(03-05-84)

▲SHEFFIELD—Cutlers Hall—Vince Vahey, Sheffield, convincingly outpointed Lee Halford, Leicester, 136, over eight by 79½-76½. Halford was cut by the right eye in round seven.

Trevor Sumner, Sheffield, 128, outscored Steve Enwright, Halifax, 124, over six by 59-58. Enwright put in a storming finish, and Sumner was under intense pressure.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 141, came back after six months to outpoint Ray Murray, Manchester, 144, over six by 59½-58.

Alan Douglas, Sheffield, 188, comfortably outscored Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 190, over six by 59½-58. It was Eddie's first bout in nearly four years.
(02-29-84)

▲LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—George Schofield, Liverpool, 142, rallied in fine fashion to gain an eight-round draw with Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 144. Schofield's left eye started swelling in round two, and Flanagan, too, was cut by the left eye—but, luckily for him, in the final minute of the fight. The injury needed four stitches.

Another draw, this time over six between debutant Eddie Chatterton, Liverpool, 175, and Paul Hestley, Manchester, 177, six. Referee Harry Warner revealed that this was the first time in his long career as "third man" that he had awarded two drawn verdicts on the same bill.

Ray Murray, Manchester, 149, narrowly outscored Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 144, (making a comeback after over a year), by 59-58½—a decision that did not please everybody.

Dave Bryan, Rhyl, 128¾, outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, 129, over six by 59-58½, another narrow one.
(03-05-84)

▲STOKE—European Sporting Club—in a boxer vs. fighter duel, boxer Gary Felbus, Leeds, 135, outpointed the aggressive Edward Lloyd, Rhyl, 134, over eight by 79-77. Lloyd was decked in the opening session with a right hook, which also produced a cut by the left eye.

Ian Priest, Alfreton, 201, confirmed a previous victory by knocking out Lou Nelson, Stoke, 201, halfway through the opening round.

Lee Roy, Stoke, outscored Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, over six by 59½-58½.

Terry Magee, Swansea, 160, beat Lou Johnson, Nottingham, 160, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter under pressure.
(03-06-84)

▲BRIGHTON—Corn Exchange—In their fourth encounter, Paul Newman, Bognor, outpointed Lee White, Morden, over eight by 79-78. Newman now leads by three to one, and it was Paul's first fight in six months.

Steve Friel, Buncrona, 142½, outpointed Ron Shinkwin, Boreham Wood, 140, over six, not losing a round in a 60-57 victory.

Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 119, outscored Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 117, over six by 59½-58½.

Steve Craggs, Penge, 136½, gained a six-round points win over Nicky Day, Southampton, 136, by 59½-58½.

The sport of kick-boxing is popular in various parts of the world, but it is unusual for someone to switch from that to professional boxing. Former British kick-boxing champion Mark Simpson, Brighton, 145½, has done so with success, and made his pro debut by stopping Dave Hallett, Torquay, 150½, in the sixth and final round. Simpson was always on top.

A win for another debutant, Phil Jackson, Birmongham, 144½, who beat Steve Harwood, Leeds, 144. The latter was disqualified in round two.
(03-07-84)

▲LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—Tony Brown, Liverpool, 146, beat Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 146, the referee intervening in round six when Bird was cut by the right eye. Brown's first bout after inactivity—and he looked to be ahead.

Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 148, and Ray Murray, Manchester, 149, met for the second time in a week, and again Murray won on points over six. The return, like their first encounter, was very close. The scoreline was 59-58½, a difference of one round—just like the first time. Some fans thought Atherton deserved better.

In another return, Dave Bryan, Rhyl, 128, outpointed Muhammad Lovelock, Manchester, 130, by a narrow 59-58½ over six. Bryan also won the first contest, but by a larger margin.
(03-12-84)

▲MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—Mike Farghaly, 163¾, outpointed Paul Smith, Sheffield, 155, over eight by 79½-77½. Plenty of action, rewarded by nobbins.

Lenny Gloster, 143, narrowly outscored Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 140, over six by 59-58½.

Debutant Duggie Isle, Blackpool, 173½, beat Paul Heatley, Manchester, 172, the boat being stopped in round four when the latter was cut by the right eye.

Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 146½, defeated Kevin Sanders, Peterborough, 146, the referee intervening in round three.
(03-12-84)

▲LEICESTER—Granby Halls—British welter and light-middleweight champion Pat Thomas essayed a comeback after two years' inactivity, but, sadly, no happy return. The 34-year-old

Thomas, 153, didn't win any of the 10 rounds against 20-year-old Chrid Pyatt, and the scoreline of 100-94½ indicated exactly what happened.

Thomas gained applause for a game showing. He was down in rounds five and six, but refused to quit, and used his ringcraft and greater experience to foil all his opponent's attempts to put him down again. Indeed, Thomas produced a farewell flourish in the final round, after which he announced his retirement from the ring. It was Pyatt's eighth win in a row.

Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 139, beat Johnny Grant, Enfield, 139½, the referee intervening in round four when Grant was cut by the left eye. McKenzie is unbeaten.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 153, defeated Dennis Sheehan, 153, the bout being stopped in round six—again because of an eye injury.

And to complete a trio of cut-eye stoppages John Langol, Uganda, 150, beat John Bibby, Bedford, the referee's intervention coming in round four.

Graeme Griffin, Corby, 145, won every round in outpointing debutant Andy Roy Whitehouse, Doncaster, 153, over six by 60-57. Whitehouse was bruised by the left eye, bleeding from the nose and down in the final session.

Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 135, beat Colin Anderson, Leicester, 135, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been decked. A remarkable recovery, for the 17-year-old Trigg had himself been under pressure in the opening session and bled from the nose.

Mark Watts, Leicester, narrowly outpointed Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, by 59½-59 over six.

(03-15-84)

▲MANCHESTER—Belle Vue—Jonjo Green, Manchester, 178, reversed a previous verdict by outpointing Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 178, over eight, scoreline 79-77½. Green clinched matters by putting on the pressure in the two final rounds.

Najib Daho, 134, beat Jackie Turner, Hull, 137, the referee intervening in round five when Turner was out by the left eye.

Wayne Barker, Manchester, 163, outpointed Paul Murray, Birmingham, 156, over eight by 79-78.

Les Walsh, Manchester, 126, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Trevor Sumner, Sheffield, 126, over eight, also by 79-78.

Mike Farghaly, 163, beat Kevin Shearon, Watford, 163, the contest being stopped in round three when the latter had sustained an eye injury.

Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 163¾, defeated substitute Jerry Golden, Manchester, 172, the referee's intervention coming in round three after Golden had been down.

(03-19-84)

▲LONDON—National Sporting Club—Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, 158¾, avenged a previous defeat by beating Vince Gajny, Stratford-upon-Avon, 159, the referee intervening in round six after Gajny had been floored and never looked like beating the count.

Gajny had also been down in round three, and was cut by the right eye in the opening session.

Nicky Day, Salisbury, 134¼, didn't lose a round outpointing Neville Fivey, Coventry, 134, over six by 60-58½. The latter was down in the final round.

Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 139, narrowly outpointed Ray Price, Swansea, 143, over six by 59-58½. Price was cut by the left optic in round two.

Danny Sullivan, Finchley, 157, gained a six-round points victory over Newton Barnet, Camberwell, 155, scoreline 59-58. Sullivan was cut by the right eye in the final round.

(03-14-84)

▲STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club—It looked like an Unhappy 21st Birthday for Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 206, when Frankie Robinson, West Bromwich, 204, put him on the canvas with a right hand in the opening session, but Dave got up to earn a deserved points victory, scoreline 79-77½ after eight.

The boxers got an extra two minutes rest at the end of round six, when Garside's right glove had to be changed.

Phil Sheriden, Birmingham, 144½, outpointed Mark Hinds, Rugeley, 146, over six by 59-58.

Leroy James, Bradford, 133, beat Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 133, the bout being stopped in round two after James himself had been down in the opening round.

Shane Sylvester, West Bromwich, 119½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Smith, Hartlepool, 122, scoreline 40-37½ after four.

Wes Taylor, Leicester, 178½, outpointed Deka Williams, West Bromwich, 180, over six by a narrow 59-58½. Williams was floored in round four.

(03-14-84)

▲LONDON—Bloomsbury Crest Hotel—Canadian Conroy Nelson, 212, beat Noel Quarless, 213¾, Liverpool, who was disqualified in round seven for persistent thumbing.

Quarless had been inactive because of a contractual dispute, and hoped to establish himself as a contender for the British title. Unfortunately, after round five he seemed to run out of gas, (he explained this afterwards by stating that he had been suffering from septic tonsilitis and couldn't breathe properly. It had also weakened him, and he only went through with the fight to keep faith with promoter Frank Warren.

Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 143½, kayoed American Jerome Artis, 141½, in round two with a left hook, after previously being decked by a short right.

Johnny Andrews, 143¼, defeated Irishman Steve Friel, 144, the referee intervening in round two after Friel had been out on the forehead.

American Lindell Holmes, 162¾, sensationally kayoed former British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Roy Gumbs, 163, in round seven with a left hook to the head. This also caused a cut by the right eye, and he was counted out on his knees with both gloves on the canvas.

It was Gumbs' first fight for the year, his last being a defeat by Mark Kaylor, who kayoed him in their bout for Roy's British and Commonwealth crowns.

It was a good fight while it lasted, Holmes revealing a deal of skill, and the winner was anybody's guess until Holmes put on the pressure in round seven, hurting Gumbs with effective body punches and paving the way for the *coup de grace*.

Micky Kilgallon, Peckham, 148, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Lee Roy, Stoke, 150, winning every one of the six rounds with a scoreline of 60-57.

Judas Clottey, Ghana, 150, outpointed Dean Scarfe, 152½, over six by 59½-58½. Scarf was hitherto unbeaten. Clottey is now unbeaten in four bouts since coming to Britain.

Alan Coveley, Bethnal Green, 122, beat John Mwainu, the stoppage coming in round four.

(03-21-84)

▲LONDON—Alan Minter Sporting Club—Glenn McCrory, 196¾, Newcastle, outpointed Steve Abadom, 198, over six, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-57½. McCrory was cut by the left eye in round five.

Mick Durvan, Pemge, 136, beat Nicky Day, Salisbury, 138, the referee intervening in round five after Day had been down four times.

Les Remekie, formerly of Leicester and now from Croydon, 138¾, beat Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 143, the bout being stopped in round three with Johnson protesting.

Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 147¾, outscored Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 147, by 79½-77 over eight. Lynch had a swelling by the left eye.

(03-21-84)

▲BARNSLEY—Civic Hall—In the first promotion at this venue in five years, Rocky Feliciello, Rhyl, the Welsh champion, outpointed Paul Mitchell, Leeds, over eight by a narrow 79-78½.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 163, outpointed Craig Edwards, Liverpool, 166, over six by 59½-58½. A real crowd pleaser. Edwards was decked in round five.

Stuart Robinson, 168, reversed a previous defeat by outpointing Chris Coady, Manchester, 164, over six by 59-58½. Close, and many thought it should have been even closer.

Steve Harwood, Batley, 151, won every one of the six rounds in outpointing Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 143, by 60-57.

(03-26-84)

▲LEICESTER—Holiday Inn—Johnny Elliott, Telford, 161, outpointed Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 164, over eight by 78½-77½. Longsden was down in round four.

Steve Tempro, Leicester, 147, outpointed Graeme Griffin, Corby, 147, over six by 59½-58 in a crowd pleaser.

Alan Douglas, Sheffield, 191, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 191, over six.

Winston Wray, Botlon, 161, stopped Mark Watts, Leicester, 162, in round two.

(03-26-84)

▲GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—Lee McKenzie Croydon, 139¼, counterpunched his way to an eight-round points win over Adey Allen, Leicetser, 140, scoreline 78½-77½.

Steve Boyles, Glasgow, 138, drew with Rocky Mensah, Bradford, 138, eight.

Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 116, didn't lose a round outpointing Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 116½, six.

Michael Marsden, Leeds, 131, kayoed Gerry Devine, Paisley, 130, in round two.

(03-26-84)

▲MAIDENHEAD—Magnet Leisure Centre—T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, kept his unbeaten record, but only just, outpointing Martin McEwan, Birmingham, by 79-78 over eight in a middleweight contest.

Jenkins did well to survive a first round knockdown; he afterwards said he had been caught off balance.

In a battle of light heavies, Harry Cowap, Balham, beat Paul Shell, Birmingham, who retired at the end of round seven with a cut by the left eye. Cowap looked in front.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 206, defeated Grant Wallis, Swindon, 212, the bout being halted in round five after the latter had been cut by the left eye. Wallis was also down in the opening session.

Substitute Danny Myers, Northampton, 150, outpointed Tony Rabbetts, Heston, 157, six.

An appreciative audience tossed in £30 nobbins after Gary Champion, 138, had outpointed debutant Neil Patterson, Darlington, 138, six. A cracking bout.

(03-22-84)

▲SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—Midlands Area welter champ Kostas Petrou, 147½, outpointed Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 147, over eight by 79-78. A confident performance, and one that augurs well for Petrou's forthcoming final eliminator for the British welter crown against Lloyd Christie.

Pat Doherty, Croydon, 126¾, beat Mark West, Brighton, 127, the referee intervening in the eighth and final round after West had been floored. They drew last time.

Vernon Vanriel, Tottenham, 139, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Mick Rowley, Merthyr, 140½, over eight by 79-78.

Stuart Robinson, Birmingham, outpointed Chris Coady, Manchester, six.

Debutant Nigel Shingles, 163, outpointed Ronnie Fraser, 162½, six.

(03-21-84)

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JAPAN

▲OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Japanese welterweight champion Junya Kushikino, 147, successfully kept his crown for the ninth time by scoring a one-punch kayo over Rocky Takemoto, 146¾, in 1:05 of the second round in a scheduled 10. He raised his log to 25-13 with 19 kayoes. Takemoto is 5-5 with four knockouts.

Kiyoshi Sasaki, the Japanese Commission's ninth ranked junior lightie at 133¼, floored glass jawed Tomio Nakamura, 133, and finished him at 2:55 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10. Sasaki, a clever boxer, is 11-1-1 with three kayoes. Nakamura is 19-19 with seven knockouts.

Four rounders: Hiroari Mitsui, 121½, polished off Yasuki Uchida, 120½, at 1:58 of the first round. Koichi Chuno, 106, stopped Masayoshi Kiyama, 107, at 2:49 of the second session. Yukinari Oshiro, 111½, disposed of Akira Hamada, 111¾, at 3:00 of the third canto. Ryozo Yamamoto, 112¾, outscored Kohi Namakima, 114¼. Yoshiyuki Nomashi, 117¼, kayoed Norikazu Aoyama, 117, at 1:40 of the first round in the opener.

Haruyuki Nakagawa, promoter. No telecast.

Attendance—5,300.

(02-02-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Sensational U.S. military worker in Misawa Base Camp, Carlos Elliot, 147¼, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 with as many knockouts, as he battered Filipino champ Young de la Cruz, 149½, and demolished him in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Cruz, a stout battler, was no match for Carlos' opening attacks. Elliot, the JBC's top contender, may be a threat to national champ Kushikino.

Isamu Teramoto, 128¾, avenged his previous loss and knocked out Masahiro Miyata, 129¼, in 2:09 of the 10th and final round. Isamu's overhand right dropped the fading loser for the count. Teramoto, the JBC's 10th ranked junior lightie, is 8-1 with six kayoes. Miyata, a lantern jawed puncher, is 11-8 with 8 knockouts.

The first 10 saw Armando Cordova, a Mexican import at 108, lose an upset decision to Kenji Ono, also 108.

Armando was introduced under the name Sendai Cordoba. He had great difficulty making the contract weight of 108 pounds, and looked sluggish from the start.

Masamichi Oyama, 133¼, and Tsukasa Oyama, 131¾, both hit the deck, with the former taking a unanimous decision in the four-round opener.

Teiken and Hachinohe Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,200.

(02-03-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hiroshi Yamamoto, the JBC's sixth ranked bantie, had Fumito Hasegawa, a slight favorite at 118, at bay with his body bombardments in round six, and won a unanimous decision, eight. Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 80-75; judges Hiroyuki Tezaki and Takeshi Shimakawa, 80-74 and 80-76, respectively, all for Yamamoto. The winner is 9-6-2 with four kayoes, and Hasegawa 10-5-1 with seven KOs.

Former amateur champ Katsuhide Nomura, 146½, ran his unbeaten log to 3-0 with as many kayoes, as he dropped Minoru Kujo, 145½, at 2:21 of the first round in six.

Kenichi Ishii, 122, won a unanimous duke from Masakatsu Sakuma, 121¼, in 6.

Four rounders: Kazuhiko Akira, 117, scored a fine kayo of Hideyuki Ichikawa, 116½, at 0:41 into the second round. Junya Hamada, 127, stopped Toru Kosuga, 126¾, at 2:44 of the opening canto. Kosuga was formerly All-Japan high school champ, but he failed to deck his pro debut—probably due to his lack of training for about a year. Tetsuya Muraoka, 112½, won a majority nod from Junya Hamakawa, 114¼. Takayoshi Chino, 134¼, kayoed Mantis Shikano, 133, at 1:45 of the second round. Mantis wasn't as fierce as a mantis. Tadashi Yoshida, 136¼, outscored Yukio Hirata, 136. Eiji Kikusaki, 145¾, is 4-0-1 with as many kayoes, as he stopped Noboru Tsuzuganuki, former amateur Kanto District light welterweight champ at 146½, at 1:05 of the third session. Fumihiro Iwakawa, 121½, halted Hiromi Abe, 121½, in 2:19 of the second round in the opener.

Sasazaki Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500.

(02-07-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—A triple tenner made up the card.

Cheyenne Yamamoto, former Japanese light weight champ at 136, took every round from the outset, and was awarded a kayo win over veteran Kojiro Sasaki, 135¼, at 3:02 of the seventh round in 10.

Cheyenne, a lanky puncher ranked top by the JBC, is 15-6-5 with eight kayoes, and Sasaki 14-20-10 with six KOs.

Kazuhiro Ikeda, 108, stopped Hiroyuki Tada, a former sparring partner of ex-WBA junior flyweight champ Yoko Gushiken at 107½, at the end of the seventh round in their 10. Tada suffered a bad gash midway in round two, and hit the deck from Ikeda's sharp left in the fifth.

The first 10 saw an upset. Though he relinquished his Japanese junior flyweight throne due to a lip injury, Tetsumi Takeshita was expected to challenge WBA champ Lupe Madera in the near future. Tesumi, 109, was sent to the deck twice, and lost an upset onesided decision to Kenbun (Takefumi) Taiho, a lanky footworker at 108¼, 10. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 98-92, judges Shoichi Uchida and Shoji Nakamori, both 98-93, all for Taiho. Kenbun, a son of the Taiho Club's owner, frequently scored with very sharp one-twos to the heavily favored puncher. Takeshita, after his first visit to the deck in the sixth, became too nervous to throw punches smoothly. He was floored again in the 10th session. Thanks to this victory, Kenbun was ranked 14th in the next WBC ratings. Taiho, 20, is 8-1 with four kayoes; Takeshita impaired to 10-2 with 8 KOs.

Four-rounders: Yuichi Shima, 118, outpointed Yukiteru Sunagawa, also 118. Kazuhisa Tominaga, 144½, stopped Teruhiko Irisawa, 144½, at 1:41 of the first round. Lefty Noritoshi Sumitani, 114¾ halted Masataka Fujiwara, 113½, at 0:54 of the fourth round. Yoshinari Morimoto, 112, ran his log to 4-0 with a

decision over Yoshinori Fujiwara, 111½, in the opener.
Co-promoted by Shinto and Kokusai Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attandance—2,000.
(02-14-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese junior welterweight champ Akio Kameda, 141, was a little befuddled by the rough-and-tumble style of Korean Sang-Moon Suh, 140¼, but caught him and stopped him at 2:50 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Kameda, a 5'10" lefty, floored the Korean in the third and seventh rounds. But Kameda didn't look sharp; he was caught by some roundhouse blows a good boxer would never have taken.

Kameda, 27, is 23-1 with 17 kayoes—his sole loss to Aaron Pryor. It was Suh's first appearance in Japan.

The semi-final 10 say Eiji (Yoshimu) Oyama, 123½, roughly finish Keigo Furuta, 125, in 1:43 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.

Oyama, 21, is 9-2-2 with six kayoes. Furuta, 22, in 7-4-1 with two KOs.

Four-rounders: Koji Kaga, 117¼, stopped Moriyaoshi Wada, 117½, with a single right hook at 0:19 of the first round. Seiji Nagasawa, 133, polished off Hisaya Matsushita, 120¾, at 1:01 of the opening session. Toyokazu Sekito, 116¾, demolished Shigeki Yoshizu, 117, at 1:20 of the first canto. Kazuhiro Ito, 121½, needed just 39 seconds to floor Seiichi Katayama, 120¾, twice and stopped him in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. TBS TV.
Attendance—1,500.
(02-20-84)

▲OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—The All-Japan finals of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournaments were staged before some 6,300 fans.

These were the results.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: A 5'8" Yukito Tamakuma, 107, took a shutout decision from Kazuhisa Koyama, 107¾, six. Tamakuma, 20, is 6-0 with no kayo.

FLYWEIGHT: Keiji Sato, 111½, withstood a bad cut over the left eyebrow, and gamely fought to win a unanimous decision over Kenji Noguchi, 111¾, six. Sato is 6-2.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Yoshiro Machi, 113½, was a taller boxer, who connected with good straight punches to finish Matsutoshi Matsui, 114¾, at 1:01 of the second. Machi is 3-0-1 with a kayo. Matsui, a stablemate of the WBA champ Jiro Watanabe, tasted his first setback, falling to 6-1 with one KO.

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT: Hard hitting Shunsuke Soma, 117½, demolished lefty Yasuo Nakane, also 117½, with his vaunted punches at 0:48 of the second. Soma, piloted by ex-Orient featherweight champ Mitsunori Seki, compiles a good record of 6-0 with as many ayoes. The 21-year-old puncher was named Best Shinjin-o Winner of the Year after all the competitions.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Rough but gutsy Koichi Satojima, 126, scored an upset majority decision over Hitoshi Ito, 124¾, six. Ito, a by far taller boxer, tried to outjab and outleg the shorter puncher, but he was caught, in round four, to take a standing count. Satojima is 5-2-2 with 2 kayoes.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: MICHIO JIMBO, 128¾, had a tough time to catch up with a tricky dancer named Hiroyuki Matsumoto, 129, but gained a close but unanimous decision, six. Jimbo is 5-0-1 with 3 kayoes.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Yoshio Yamamoto, 135, was an upset points winner over hard punching Hideya Yamashiro, 133¼, six. Yamashiro, 6-0 with five KOs, hit the skull of his opponent in round two, and injured his hand. Since then, the prohibitive favorite failed to lead with his left hand only to be outlegged by the footworker. Yamanoto, now 4-0 with a kayo, received the Technique Award.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Katsunori Hokama, 138¼, floored Makoto Yagihashi, 139½, in the first round, and earned a unanimous decision in 6. Hokama almost finished him in the opening session, but failed to repeat such a good knockdown in round one for the remainder of the bout. Hokama, former amateur boxer, is 3-0 with a kayo.

WELTERWEIGHT: It's an interesting encounter of punchers both of whom had iced their rivals almost in the first rounds. Eiji Kimura, 146, exploded a wicked left hook and dropped Hideo Kawamoto, 146½, in the first round. Kimura is 6-0 with as many kayoes. Kawamoto is 4-1 with three KOs. The winner was given Fighting Spirit Award.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Tsutomu Takashiho, a 6-foot lefty at 160, floored Manabu Hiura, 159, twice with solid one-two combinations, endured his pinch in round five and managed to win a unanimous decision, six.

This reporter saw the level of this year's tourney a bit lower than those in previous years. I advise the managers of the Novice King winners to take care of their boys—not to make too ambitious matches against top notchers, because they are just simon pures.

All Japan Shinjin-o Tourney Committee. Mainichi TV.
Attendance—6,300.
(02-22-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese junior middleweight champ Tadashi Mihara, the WBC's tenth ranked contender at 153½, proved too fast and ringwise for Kei Tsukada, 151½, scoring a onesided shutout decision, 10. It was Mihara's fifth defense. Though the durable challenger refused to go down, Mihara gave a lesson to the less experienced youngster. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-93; judge Shoichi Uchida 100-90; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 100-94—all for Mihara. The defending champ improving his log to 22-1 with 14 kayoes. Tsukada fell to 2-2-3 with two kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Japan's top flyweight contender, Yoshiyuki Uchida, 110¼, was befuddled by the whirlwind style of Gonzaburo Nobu (previously fighting as Nobuo Sasano), 110, but caught him with sold rights to flatten him in 2:11 of the sixth round.

Uchida, 14-1 with 14 kayoes, must improve his defensive ability. Despite his high KO percentage, he looks amateurish, Nobu, who hit the canvas once in the second and twice more in the fatal round, is 10-8 with four kayoes.

Takahiro Masaki, 108, outscored Ikuo Watanabe, 107¾, eight. Yukio Abe, 139, outpointed Toyoharu Aizawa, 139¼, six.

Masahito Wada, 122¾, was kayoed by Masayuki Ono, 123½, at 1:01 of the fourth session in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Minoru Ono, 122, won from Tetsuo Obata, 119¼. Hisamichi Adachi, 120¾, outscored Tetsuji Yamamoto, 121½, in the opener.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(02-23-84)

▲YOKOHAMA—Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium—Fast moving Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¼, survived a crisis in round seven, and barely outpointed Yoshiaki Kanda, 105, by a split decision, ten.

Nojima, the JBC's fifth ranked contender, took the leadoff with sharp opening rallies. But, as the contest progressed, it became a see-saw affair with Kanda coming forward and Nojima circling and countering. Nojima upped his log to 14-7-2 with two kayoes. Kanda fell to 11-10-5 with two knockouts.

Scoring: referee Kiyoshi Kazama (former Japan's lightweight champ), 98-97, Kanda; judges Yusaku Yoshida and Shoji Nakamori, both 99-98, Nojima.

After the main event, a delux exhibition of hard punching 140-pounders had the crowd on its feet. Hidekazu Akai, 16-1 with 14 kayoes, had failed to win the WBC super lightweight crown last July. Nobuyuki Tabata, a 6-foot puncher, is 11-1-1 with as many kayoes. They exchanged solid blows for three rounds.

Lefty veteran Joe Hayato, 129½, drew with Masuru Shikanuma, 129, six.

Four rounders: Yuhei Noguchi, 117½, decisioned Hideaki Hayashi, 117. Jun Hoki, 116¼, dropped Tomoyoshi Junkawa, 115½, to win a decision. Yoshito Nokawa, 126¾, stopped Takahiro Uehara, 129½, with a left hook at 0:43 of the first round. Hidetoshi Kuroeda, 111¼, outpointed Naoki Sato, also 111¼, in the opener.

Kawai Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—3,000.
(02-24-84)

▲NOTES—Fuji Okamoto, the first Japanese first flyweight champion, died of cancer at National Okura Hospital on January 4. He was 78. He was long the president of the All-Japan Boxing Association (a Managers Union consisting of all Japanese licensed club owners, managers, promoters, and matchmakers). The stylish flyweight was the Japanese representative for the Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1928. As a manager, Okamoto handled tough and hard-hitting boys like Piston Tsuneo Horiguchi (Orient featherweight champ in his twenties and Japan's middleweight titlist in his thirties), Yukio Katsumata (Orient junior lightweight kingpin), Noriyoshi Toyoshima (Japan's lightweight champ), Takao Maemizo (Japan's middleweight titlist) and Yoshio Nakane (though uncrowned, he defeated the then world top bantamweight contender Jesus Pimentel in the States).

Kenji Miyata, recently dethroned by the current Japanese middleweight champ Keitoku Senrima, hung up his gloves for good, and he is now receiving the JBC's strict training to be a referee. "I want to enter the ring as soon as I can, this time, as the third man," said Miyata.

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—A sensational encounter of Japanese champions! Flyweight titlist Shuichi Hozumi, 115¼, pounded out a close but unanimous decision over Mutsuo Watanabe, junior bantamweight kingpin at 115½, in 10 heats. Hozumi, a lanky and taller boy, utilized his fast foot and hand and kept his distance all the way. Mutsuo, a vaunted counterpuncher, couldn't find an angle to score with his specialties. There were no knockdowns, but Hozumi was an obvious winner.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-97; judge Masakazu Uchida, 99-97; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-98—all for Hozumi.

Hozumi boosted his log to 23-3 with seven knockouts. Watanabe fell to 11-7-3 with five kayoes.

Masahiro Tanabu, the JBC's third ranked junior welterweight at 143, came off the canvas and floored Hammer Itoi, 142½, twice, halting him at 2:56 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Tanabu, the glass-jawed ex-Japanese amateur champ, is now 6-0 with four knockouts.

Itoi is 12-7-3 with 11 kayoes.

Shunji Tsuchiya, 111½, stopped Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, also 111½, at 0:54 of the sixth and final round.

Four rounders: Chuji Takahashi, 134½, outscored Tetsuji Kawade, 135. Yasuhiro Morimoto, 112, stopped Hideo Unuma, 110½. Masaaki Iida, 115, disposed of Hiroshi Handa, 114½. Hideaki Nishikawa, 115¼, drew with Koheita Tanaka, also 115¼. Takayuki Taira and Kazuya Kano, both 121½, drew in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.
Attendance—2,500.
(03-02-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having been demolished by Bruce Curry in a crack at the WBC super lightweight crown last July, Hidekazu Akai looks to have regained his usual power and zip with three consecutive wins. Akai, 141½, scored an impressive knockout over Ryutaro Otsuki, the JBC's second ranked junior welterweight, 141¾, at 1:45 of the fifth round in a 10. Akai was in command from the start, and landed a lethal right to the chin. Otsuki went to dreamland. Yusaku Yoshida was the referee. Pete Hamil, who was in Japan, described Akai as a young Duran.

Akai, the WBC's 14th ranked 140-pounder, is now 17-1 with 15 kayoes. If he improves his defensive skills under the tutelage of veteran trainer Eddie Taunsend, he should be able to re-enter the WBC's top 10. Otsuki, a year his senior at 25, fell to 12-5 with nine knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, Junichi Misawa, the JBC's third ranked lightweight at 135, was dropped time and again and stopped by brutal banger Kazushi Maehara, 133, at 2:29 of the third round. Maehara, the number four contender, is now 8-4-2 with seven kayoes. Misawa is 9-3 with five knockouts.

In the first 10, ex-Japanese flyweight boss Kazuyoshi Funaki, 113½, battered Takeshi Shiranui (previously fighting as Noriaki Kato), 113, so onesidedly that a towel was tossed in by the loser's corner at 2:59 of the seventh round.

Yasumasa Kawade, 114¼, won an upset decision from Koichi Sugimoto, 114¾, eight.

Kinya Nakamura, 109¾, decisioned Kosuke Matsumura, 111½, six.

Four rounders: Yuzo Asakawa, 137, drew with Masami Fuji, 134¾. Masayuki Takahashi, 110½, stopped Shigeru Senda, 111¾, at 2:46 of the first round in the opener.

Co-promoted by Shin-Nippon Kimura and Saito Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attendance—3,000.
(03-06-84)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having failed to regain his WBA junior flyweight crown from Mexican Lupe Madera last year, Katsuo Tokashiki, 112, displayed his ring experience in disposing of previously unbeaten Takashi Sakakibara, also 112, at 2:56 of the sixth round in a 10. It was one of Tokashiki's best showings, as he looked to have gained power in both hands. His left hooks scored the knockout. Katsuo, 23, is 19-3-2 with four knockouts. Sakakibara, 22, 12-1 with four kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw Makoto Taguchi, 118, stop Katsunori Nagamoto, 117, with three knockdowns at 1:41 of the eighth session. Taguchi, 22, is now 13-4-1 with nine kayoes. Nagamoto, 21, is 9-6 with one KO. A mismatch.

Hideto Osanai, 11-¾, needed just 2:39 to finish Teruyuki Shimada, 112, in the first round of a scheduled 8.

Shigeki Matsui, 140, was also a first round kayo winner over Masahiro Tsuda, also 140, at 2:10 (scheduled sixer).

Four rounders: Isao Fukui, 141½, halted Hiroshi Toyama, 144, at 2:22 of the final session. Takahiro Oda, 126, stopped Katsunori Yamaguchi, 125¾, at 0:20 of the fourth canto. Kimio Koyana, 124, made short work of Koji Ueda, 124, stopping him at 1:54 of the first round in the opener.

This card was held to commemorate retirement of OPBF bantamweight champion Eijiro Murata. MUrata, 27, compiled an overall record of 24-2-3 with 15 kayoes. He defended the OPBF title twelve times—a record in the bantamweight division.

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Kentoku Nakama's comeback go saw him knocked out by trial horse, Tadashi Kuramochi. Nakma, 108, dropped Kuramochi, also 108, with his specialty, southpaw right hooks, in the second and fourth rounds. But Nakama, exhausted in the latter half, took a standing eight count in round eight and way kayoed at 2:59 of the 10th and final round. Nakama, an expected prospect, was floored twice before the referee called a halt with just a second remaining in the final session. Kuramochi, ex-winner of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, is now 11-1-2 with four kayoes. Nakama fell to 12-3 with seven KOs. Scoring after the ninth round: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 85-84; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 86-84—both for Kuramochi; judge Ken Morita, 85-85. Thanks to this upset victory, Kuramochi was named "Fighter of the Month" by the East-Japan Boxing Association (Managers Union).

Nobutaka Kuwata, the JBC's fourth ranked junior welterweight at 145½, proved too ringwise and demolished Kenji Chinen, former All-Japan amateur champ at 146½, at 0:48 of the fourth round in an eight. It was Chinen's first setback against two wins (as many kayoes) and a draw. Kuwata is 9-10-2 with six KOs. Chinen, who absorbed too many overhand rights, hit the canvas thrice and took a standing count.

Kenji Yokozawa, 107½, fought to a split draw with Masaru Yoshimoto, 108, six.

Four-rounders: Buffalo Tano, 115, decisioned Makoto Sawamura, 114½. Mitsuharu Eimori, 111, decisioned Seiji Hara, 111¾. Takuya Serizawa, 107½, TKO'd Ken Hirota, 107½, at 0:56 of the third round in the opener.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(03-22-84)

▲AMAGASAKI CITY—City Gymnasium—It's a doubleheader featuring Japanese title bouts. Middleweight champ Keitoku Senrima, a six-footer at 160, banged out Hiroshi Izumiya, 157½, with stinging lefts and right crosses at 1:51 of the seventh round in a 10. It was Senrima's fourth defense since he wrested it from Kenji Miyata in January of the previous year. Keitoju is now 9-5 with five kayoes. Isumiya, a former Sumo wrestler, is 7-11-1 with five knockouts.

In a companion 10, Eijiro Kuruma, 125¾, recaptured the Japanese featherweight title by a popular majority decision over HIroyuki Kobayashi, 125½, in a close fight. The shorter and more powerful Juruma was chasing the defending champ all the way. Kuruma had lost his crown via a very controversial decision in the Carnival of Champions last November.

The winners of the night, Senrima and Kuruma, both belong to the Kobe Boxing Club.

Iwao Nishikawa, 146¼, flattened Makoto Mochizuki, the JBC's sixth ranked contender at 145¾, in 0:31 of the fourth session in an eight. Iwao's wicked left hook stretched him unconscious, and referee Kawhiwagi stopped counting and invited the ring doctor in. Mochizuki, prone for minutes, got up by himself.

Masayoshi Matsuura, 121½, decisioned Tatsuo Hirakawa, 122, six.

Four rounders: Tomoyo Kakimoto, 125, stopped Takahito Imanaka, 124¼, at 0:56 of the second round. Yosuke Kubota, 133, outscored Susumu Bogo, 133½. Sunichi Kurimoto, 166½, drew with Akio Inoue, also 166. Shigenobu Nakamasa, 117, TKO'd Masaomi Hirose, 117½, at 2:07 of the third round in the opener.

Promoted by Kobe Boxing Club. No telecast.
Attendance—3,800.
(03-24-84)

▲KOCHI CITY—Prefectural Gymnasium—Local favorite Funio Ozaki, 119¼, was knocked out by Hiroaki Kato, 120, at 2:59 of the second round in10. Ozaki, the JBC's ninth ranked junior featherweight, fell the 9-4 with four kayoes. Kato, the number nine bantie, is 7-8 with one knockout.

Masahide Ikehara, 121¾, stopped Takashi Yokoseki, 120¾, at 0:57 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Yosuke Matsuoka, 114, won from Akira Hamada, 114¾. Masaru Tanigawa, 110¼, barely outpointed Eiji MOriya, 111¼. Lefty Shigehito Hayashi, 116¼, finished Toshiaki Okutani, 115½, at 2:11 of the fourth and final round. Yoshifumi Oba, 124¾, was awarded a majority decision over Tashi Chigashira, 124¾, in the opener.

Kuroshio Boxing Club and Osaka Teiken Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,200.
(03-19-84)

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KOREA

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—One of the best Korean prospects to challenge for world titles may be Seung-Hoon Lee, an elongated junior featherweight now ranked fourth by the WBA. Lee was that challenger who knocked down Lupe Pintor with a solid one-two in Los Angles years ago. He outgrew the 118-pound class, and since then has continued his kayo streak over the likes of former WBA champ Ricardo Cardona and many Filipino and Thai victims.

Lee, 123, collected another victim named Morris Pastor, Filipino brother of ex-Orient lightweight champ Fred Pastor at 122½, embalming him at 1:49 of the second round in 10. Outlegging the Filipino in the first round, Lee suddenly turned loose in the next frame and scored with a flurry of punches.

Lee, 30-4 with 15 kayoes, may be a good opponent against the newly crowned champions, Jamie Garza and Loris Stecca, in the WBC and WBA 122-pound classes. Morris is 31-4-2 with seven kayoes.

Hyung-Shik Lim, 116¼, outpointed Hi-Bong Kim, 116¾, eight.

Seoung-Kwan Lee, 118¾, stopped Dae-Keun Lee, 119, at 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled 6. Dong-Bok Lee, 147¾, won from Sang-How Yuh, 147, six. Gun-Jin Byun, 116¾, outscored Chun-Suk Kim, 115¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(02-04-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Chong-Pal Park,** the OPBF middlweight champ at 162, was stalked Charlie Carter, a U.S. footworker at 162, dropped him in round four, and gained a onesided decision, ten.

In the semi-final, Seung-Soon Lee, Korean welterweight champ at 146¼, retained his crown by outscoring Young-Kil Chung, 147, 10. Lee, with a good record, failed to score an expected kayo over the KBC's top contender. Lee is now 19-1 with 13 knockouts. Chung fell to 9-3-2 with four kayoes.

The first 10 saw Hee-Yun Chung, 114¾, seize the vacant Korean junior bantamweight throne by taking a decision over Kyu-Chan Cho, 114½. Chung, though lacking power, upped his log to 13-2-1 with two kayoes. Cho is 12-5-1 with three knockouts.

Sung-Ho Kim, 119, fought to a technical draw with Chong Jin Chung, 118¾, at 2:43 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Hee-Ki Chung, 141¼, halted Chong-Duk Bae, 141, at 2:45 of the third session in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.
(02-05-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—O-Kong Son, the KBC's third ranked junior flyweight at 110, ran his unbeaten log to 140 with five kayoes by stopping Thai top contender Suriyanoi Somtangkuijub, 109½, at 2:52 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. The Thai loser dropped to 14-3-2 with eight KOs.

The first 10 witnessed a new Korean junior featherweight champion. Yun-Kap Choi, 121½, dethroned defending champ Ho-Man Kim, 122, via a TKO at 2:58 of the sixth round. The newly crowned Choi is 11-3 with four knockouts. Kim fell to 9-4-3 with three kayoes.

Jae-Sung Own, 117, decisioned Jung-Pyo Kim, 121½, eight. Kwang-Soo Kim, 116¾, decisioned Un-Sung Shin, 117¼, 6. Ji-Mo Sung, 113, stopped Jun-Oh Choi, also 113, at 2:04 of the first round in their scheduled 6.

Four rounders: Sun-Il Kuk, 113, finished Hyun-Chun Ji, 113¼, at 0:37 of the first round. Tae-Yub Kim, 142, won from Yang-Suk Lee, 141½, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.
(02-11-83)

▲**—Saeki Promotions**—Korean junior middlweight champ Jae-Hyung Yuh, 154¾, stunned the crowd when he hit the canvas, but came back to halt Japanese Katsuhiro Sawada, 156, at 2:10 of the second round in a 10. Jae-Hyun, the younger brother of ex-WBA champ Jae-Do Yuh, floored Sawada once in the first, twice more in the next session. Sawada dropped the prohibitive favorite early in round two, but Yuh's revenging rallies were too much.

Yuh, a hard hitter is now 21-3 with 17 knockouts. Sawada, a glass jawed swinger, impaired to 14-9-1 with nine kayoes.

Chang-Hwa No, 158¾, became the new Korean middlweight kingpin, as he defeated Chang-Won Moon, also 158¾, by a decision in a 10-round eliminator. No is just 4-5-1 with one kayo. Moon fell to 10-3 with seven knockouts.

In the first 10, ex-OPBF featherweight champ Jung-Han Hwang, 131¾, floored Japanese tough guy Koki Higashi, 131½, in the first round, but failed to follow up winning a unanimous decision in his comeback go.

Joung-Wo Chun, 120¼, won from Joung-Woo Park, 120¼, eight.

Chong-CHul Park, 124, outscored Dong-Yul Yun, 123¼ eight. Tae-Il Chang, 114¾, outscored Hae-Yul Yang, 114¾, in the eight-round opener.

Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.
(02-12-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korea generally forces national champs to relinquish their titles when they fight for world or OPBF championships, or fight world rankers within the weight limit (under which they hold Korean crowns). It's all part of the KBC's policy to encourage Korean contenders to fight nine bids for national titles as often as possible.

Korean bantamweight champ Dong-Chun Lee, 117¾, gave up his laurels prior to his encounter with Filipiono William Develos, the WBA's eight ranked junior bantie at 116¾, and defeated the clever foreigner by a unanimous decision ten. Lee was the aggressor from the start. In round six, Lee caught the Filipino with a wicked left hook to the jaw and floored him for the compulsory eight count. After that, however, it became a dull fight, each missing many blows. Dong-Chun, a sturdy infighter, is 17-5-1 with five knockouts. Develos, ex-OPBF junior bantam champ, is 31-7-2 with 10 KOs.

The semi-final was an eliminator to decide a successor to Dong-Chun Lee, and Tae-Sang Chun, 117¾, acquired the Korean bantamweight crown by technical decision over Moon-Kyun Joo, 117½, at 1:41 of the sixth round of a 10. Chun, once employed as a sparring partner for WBA junior bantam titlist Jiro Watanabe, is now 14-3-5 with five knockouts. Joo fell to 12-4-1 with five kayoes.

Rang-Gu park, 142, drew with Yong-Bum Lee, 141, six.

Sung-Man Cho, 121, outscored Byung-Bum Choi, 118½, now six.

Four rounders: Yong-Chul Gu, 114, stopped Yong-Ki Hwang, 114¾, at 1:55 of the first session. Kyung-Shik Park, 139¼, halted Sung-Sub How, 140, at 1:37 of the third canto in the opener.

Waryong Promotions. MBC TV.
(02-19-84)

▲**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—OPBF junior featherweight champ Ji-Won Kim, 121¾, engaged in a mandatory defense against Indonesian Monod, 121¼, in 12 rounds. Kim knocked out Monod with a strong left at 2:08 of the fourth. It wasn't an easy defense for Kim. The defending champ dropped the challenger with a barrage of left and right hooks to the face, but was floored by a solid body shot in the third session. The next frame saw Kim finish the Indonesian.

Saeki Promotions.
(02-12-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—An IBF title bout.

Soon-Chun Kwon, 111¾, retained his IBF flyweight crown for the first time, as he was awarded a technical decision over Filipino Roger Castillo, 110¾, at 2:29 of the 12th round in a scheduled 15. Kwon was leading on points due to taking the leadoff in the first five rounds. In round five, Kwon dropped Roger with a busy combo for a mandatory eight count.

Kwon, in the 12th round, bled profusely from the forehead—due to a clash of heads, and a technical decision was rendered to the aggressive Korean lefty. Kwon had acquired the IBF crown by stopping Filipino Rene Busayong in the fifth round of an eliminator on December 24. The gory winner, Soon-Chun, is now 23-3-1 with 15 kayoes. Castillo impaired to 17-2 with 10 knockouts.

Korean featherweight champ Ki-Yung Chung, 125¾, kept his crown by disposing of Suk-Dol Kang, the KBC 's ninth ranked contender, 125¾m at 1:38 of the fourth round in a 10. Chung, with two successful defenses, is 23-4-2 with five knockouts. Kang is 5-6-1 with one knockout.

Jung Hyun Kim 110¼, outpinted Young-Ho Joo, also 110¼, eight.

Four rounders: Chang-Young Chang and Hwa-Soo LEe, both 109¾, drew, Kyung-Tak Chung, 120½, won from Sung-Keun Choi, 121¼. Byung-Kwan Chung, 110¼, decisioned Ul-Chul Joung, 109¼. Kyung-Jun Park, 125¼, won from Jin-Hyun Kim, 126¼. Man-Hee Chang, 116¾, outscored Shin-Heung Lee, 117½, in the opener.

Korea Promotions (another outfit of Ho-Yun Chun, president of Kukdong Promotions). KBS TV.
(02-25-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Up-and-coming Chan-Yung Park, the WBA's seventh ranked bantamweight at 119¾, demolished former Thai champ Saksamai Chorsirirat, 120, at 2:07 of the third round in a 10. Chan-Yung is 17-3-2 with four knockouts. The lantern jawed loser fell to 18-5-2 with 10 kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw unbeaten Sae-Kwon Lee, 140¾, dispose of Keun-Yung Nam, 140½, at 2:34 of the second round. Nam is now 5-0 with four knockouts.

Yang-Soo Park, 123, drew with Shin Park, 123¼, eight.

Sang-Shik Kim, 141¾, decisioned Hee-Ki Chang,141, six.

Chong-Ho Shin, 113, outpointed Nam-Il Kim, 112½, six.

Han-Shik You, 120¾, drew with Oh-Yung Ji, 121, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV
02-26-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—A card was made up of nine bouts featuring ex-Korean Novice King tourney winners' appearances. All the bouts were scheduled for six rounds.

Unbeaten Suk-Bong Kim, the KBC's 10th ranked flyweight at 113, ran his unblemished log to 10-0 by outscoring Ji-Ho Sung, 112¾.

Yong-Woo Kim, the Novice King winner of 1982 at 119, lost to Yong-Rae Kim, 118. Each is now 8-2.

Byung-Soo Park, 116, was named Best Fighter of this card, as he defeated Byung-Dal Yuh, 115¾, by a unanimous decision. Park improved to 12-0 with six kayoes.

Unbeated Chung-Won Chung, 128, gave a lesson to Sung-Don Yang, the N.K. tourney victor of 1981 at 127¼, winning a decision. Chung is 11-0 (4 KOs).

Joo-Chul Yum, 136, drew with Sang-In Chang, 135½.

Jae-Yong Park, 142¾, displayed his power punching in stopping Nam-Jun Kim, 143½, at 0:42 of the fourth round. Park bettered his log to 7-1-2 with 6 kayoes.

Jae-Heun Kim, 148¼, outpointed Joo-Kwan Chung, 147. Chung, 4-0, suffered his first setback.

In-Kyu Sori, 155¼, proved too strong for Shul-Hyun Kim, the N.K. tourney victor of 1982 at 155½.

Dae-Kyum Kim, 161, was held to a draw by Ki-Yul Lee, 161¾.

In Korea and Japan, the Novice King tounaments help motivate young and promising fighters.

Kangpo Promotions.
(03-01-84)

▲**CHUNGJU—Chungju High School Gymnasium**—Dong-Koo Woo, the KBC's fifth ranked lightie at 137¾, pounded out a unanimous decision from Filipino Bert Lozano, also 137¾, 10. Woo is now 14-6-3 with eight kayoes.

In a supporting 10, Yang-Ki Lee, 132¼, outscored Sung-Yul Moon, 132.

Jae-Chun Lee, 114¼, decisioned Chong-Ku Moon 114, six.

Four-rounders: Jae-Keun Cho, 120¾, won from Jung-Kwon Koh, 121¼. Sung-Kuk Kang, 123½, outpointed Jae-Un Yang, 123, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(03-01-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Min-Keun Oh, 125¾, became the first IBF (International Boxing Federation) featherweight champion by stopping Indonesian titlist Joko Arter, 124½, at 1:55 of the second round in a scheduled 15-round bout. Oh is also the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champ, but this was not an OPBF title go.

Oh dropped the Indonesian with solid left hooks in the first round, and followed up with a wicked left uppercut to the liver in the next session. Arter was rolling in agony on the canvas for the full count.

Oh, the WBA's 10th ranked 126-pounder, is a short but sturdy puncher with a typical Rokean style. He is now 13-2 with five kayoes. The loser is 11-2.

In the semi-final ten, OPBF welterweight champ Jun-Suk Hwang, 150, found it very easy to demolish Thai Burirum Suenmissakavan, 151½, at 1:10 of the second round. Hwang, a stout built swinger, hasn't lost but once (to Don Curry in the WBA eliminator) in 27 bouts. He is 26-1 with 18 kayoes. The Thai loser is 26-6-1 with 12 knockouts.

Rae-Ki Ahn, 110¼, drew with Yong-Chae Kim, 110, eight.

Chong-Jin Chung, 112, won from Sang-Muk Lee, 121½, six.

Four rounders: Chang-Ho Chung, 110, decisioned Ji-Uk Kim, 109.

Shin-Kyu Park, 114¼, won from Sang-Oh Park, also 114¼.

Min-Keum Lee, 111¾, outscored Jung-Chung Yuh, also 111¾.

Shi-Il Kim, 124¼, beat Un-Kyo Chung, also 124¼, on points in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.
(03-04-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymansium**—Though dropped out of the WBA junior welterweight ratings due to his upset kayo by Filipino Allan Alegria, fast moving Sang-Ho Lee, 137, showed his power in polishing off ex-Filipino champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, also 137, at 1:27 of the first round in a scheduled 10. The speedy Lee landed a solid left to the side of Max's belly, and the Filipino made no effort to get up due to his pain. Lee is now 32-1 with 27 kayoes. Toyogon fell to 26-8-2 with 12 knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Won-Taek Choi, 129, seize the Korean junior lightweight title via a fine kayo over Hyung-Kil Chun, 130¾, at 2:59 of the sixth round. The ex-champ Chun had been dethroned before he entered the ring, as he was unable to make the 130-pound limit. The new champ Choi, previously rated just sixth by the KBC, upped his log to 10-4-2 with six kayoes. Chun impaired to 18-3 with 5 knockouts.

Do-Sa Kim, 107, decisioned Won-See Chung, 107¾, eight.

Kap-Dong Park, 113, won from Suk Dol, 113¼, in 8.

Jin-Young Kim, 122¼, stopped Kyung-Jun Park, 122, at 2:02 of the fifth round in a six.

Sung-Shin Lee, 110½, outscored Kyu-Shik Cho, also 110½, in the four-round opener.

Won-Jin Promotions. MBC TV.
(03-10-84)

▲**CHINJU—Chinju Indoor Gymnasium**—Newly rated in the WBC's top 20 in the super lightweight class, unbeaten Kyung-Duk Ahn, Korean champ at 141, disposed of Filipino veteran Joe Lim, also 141, at 2:43 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Ahn has a good record of 13-0 with eight kayoes. He is managed by Ho-Yun Chun who also handles WBC light flyweight kingpin Jung-Koo Chang.

Ki-Yul Kang, 118 stopped Sang-Moon Lee, 118, at 1:29 of the fifth round in an eight.

Sung-Chul Kim, 111¼, drew with Hae-Dong Kim, 111, six.

Heung-Shik Shin, 139½, stopped Jin-Hyun Oh, 139½, at 2:54 of the fifth session in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: In-Hwan Park, 117½, drew with Ke-See Kang, also 117½. Ok-Min Lee, 133½, halted Yung-Min Kim, 134½, at 2:07 of the first session. Suk-Bong Kim, 117¼, drew with Jun-Shik Park, also 117¼, in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.
(03-11-84)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former WBC super flyweight champ Chul-Ho Kim hung up his gloves for good and became president of a newly established promotions group named 88 (Palpal). The ex-champ presented his first card, featuring four eight-rounders.

Eight rounders: Ei-Jun Kim, 157½, defeated Filipino William Mardizon, 157. Yong-Un Park, 124¼, outscored Filipino Dodong Oculam, 123½. Kwang-Gu Park, 116¾, stopped Ro-Jun Park, 116¼, at 2:20 of the third round. Dong-Yong Hwang, 110¼, outscored Yun-Ho Park, 110¼.

Kang-Won Kim, 127¾, drew with Chul-Nam Koh, 127¼, six.

Four-rounders: Young-Sup Cho, 144, won from Hyung-Nam Lim, 112½. Du-San Kim, 120, outscored Kun-Shik Kang, 119. Jae-Moon Yuh, 127½, needed just 20 seconds of the first round to polish off Jae-Un Yang, 126½, in the opener.

Palpal Promotions.
(03-17-84)

▲**KWANGJU—Kwangju Promotions**—IBF junior bantamweight champ Joo-Do Chun, 115, defended his title for the second time, and made short work of Filipino champ Diego de Villa, 113¾, at 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled 15-round title bout. Chun exploded a well-timed countering right to the temple of Diego. The Filipino hit the canvas with his head and was unable to beat the count. Korea has three IBF champions, but their opponents have all been Orientals. Two of them are OPBF champions—the IBF flyweight kingpin Soon-Chun Kwon and featherweight boss Min-Keun Oh. Is the IBF really an international boxing body? Will the IBF force the Oriental IBF champs to defend their IBF crowns against non-Oriental contenders? Chun, who displayed progress, is now 16-1-3 with seven kayoes. Diego fell to 27-6-3 with 10 knockouts.

Formerly rated in the WBC to 10, Il-Bok Lee, 132, proved too strong for fellow countryman Oh-Kyu Chang, 131½, winning a unanimous decision, 10.

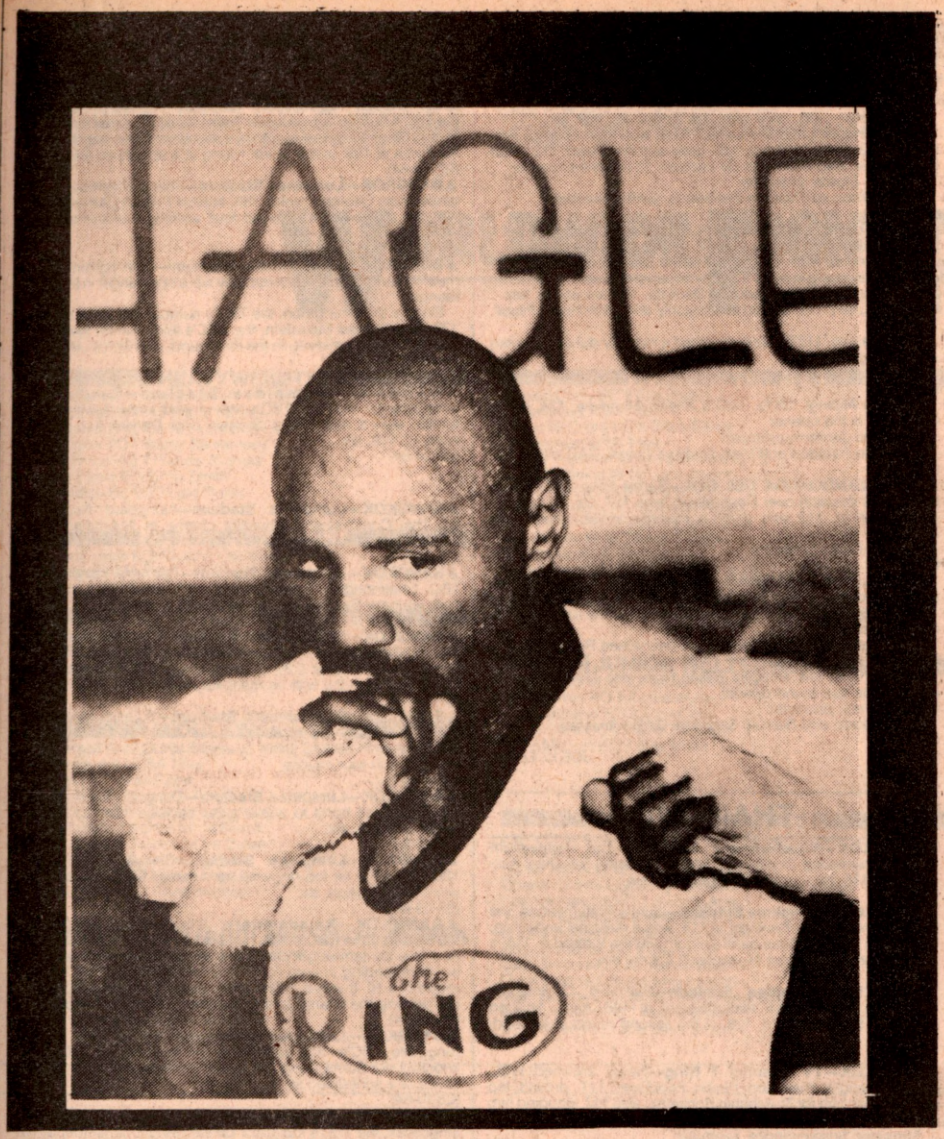
Kap-Sup Song, 119½, won from Jung-Man Park, 119½, eight.

Ki-Chun Lee, 116¾, drew with Sang-Hwan Ham, also 116¾, six.

Four rounders: Sang-Dum Cho, 116½, outpointed Yong-Sun Kim, 115½. Chul-Ho Chung, 112½, drew with Sang-Chung Kim, 111¾. Jae Yun, 109, outpointed Ul-Chul Chung, 109¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(03-17-84)

▲**ULSAN—Ulsan Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, 154, floored Filipino Mike de Guzman, also



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154, thrice and finished him at 1:52 of the third round in a scheduled 12. It was Baek's seventh defense. He improved his log to 29-1 with 29 kayoes.

Sung-Ho Kim, 119¾, drew with Cha-Suk Oh, 119½, eight.

Ok-Yong Kim, 133, outpointed Hi-Jae Yuh, 132¾, six.

Four rounders: Heung-Sup Oum, 112, decisioned Il-Du Son, 112¼. Han-Suk Kim, 120¾, won from Seung Kwon Choi, 121¼. Kyung-Taek Chung, 114¾, whipped Il-Jin Kim, also 114¾. Kyung-Shik Park, 139¼, outpointed Hi-Chun Park, also 139¼, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(03-24-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean welterweight champ Sung-Sun Lee, 148, caught Filipino Mar Simbajon, 147½, and sank him for the count at 2:52 of the fifth round in a 10. Lee is now 20-1 with 14 kayoes. Simbajon dropped to 31-9-3 with 17 knockouts.

The semi-final saw Korean junior bantamweight leader Hee-Yun Chung, 114, barely keep his crown, being held to a draw by Hyung-Shik Lim, 115¾, 10. Chung is 13-2-2 with two kayoes. Kim is 9-6-6 with two knockouts.

Sang-Do Chung and Jung-Bae Chang, both 154¼, drew, eight.

Yuh-Kyung Hou, 123½, stopped Chong-Sung Koh, 124, at 2:50 of the third round in an eight.

Soo-Min Cho, 132¼, finished Chong-Sung Koh, 124, at 2:50 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Min-Ha Hwang, 140, kayoed Kyu-Sang Lee, 141, in 3:08 of the second round. Chang-Ho Chung, 109½, outscored Byung-Kyu Lee, 109½, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(03-25-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Previously rated by the WBA—until his upset decision loss to Filipino William Develos—Suk-Chul Bae, 119¾, pounded out a unanimous decision over Rito Donayre, 119½, 10. Bae, a lanky puncher, is like an unlucky climber who slips down along the rocks whenever he almost reaches the peak. He lost to Gustavo Ballas in a WBA junior bantamweight eliminator in Argentina years ago.

Bae is now 22-3-1 with 12 kayoes. Rito fell to 17-6-1 with eight knockouts.

Kum-Sup Han, 114, decisioned Soo-Kon Chang, 114, eight.

Chong-Chul Park, 123½, won from Duk-Han Bae, also 123½, eight.

Chang-Ryo Hong, 115½, drew with Dong-Hwan Yum, 115, six.

Bi-Won Chung, 110½, decisioned Sung-Kyu Kim, 111, six.

Four rounders: Yung-Chul Koo, 114¼, outpointed Jin-Yung Cho, also 114¼. Hyun-Il Kim, 128¼, decisioned Hyung, Chul Kim, 127¼, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(03-29-84)

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▲CABANTUAN CITY—Cisco Ferrer, the top junior welterweight contender of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board) at 140, displayed his superior power in finishing Lito Albarico, 138, in the fifth round of a 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Eddie Camero, 130, was a TKO winner over Rudy Sinilong, Jr., 129, in the fourth round in the semi-final 10.

Jojo Ang, 117, won a unanimous nod from Lito Santiago, 117, in the four-round opener.

Angeles Alberto, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.

(01-07-84)

▲MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO—Up-and-coming Ruben dela Cruz, 114, proved his previous decision over Filipino junior bantamweight champ Diego deVilla was no fluke, scoring a TKO over Jemuel Maguinsay, also 14, in the forth round in a 10.

Another rising prospect, Edwin Inocencio, the GAB's second ranked junior flyweight at 108, battered Pablo Hoyle, 106, to chalk up a TKO victory in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(01-07-84)

▲IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Bell Torino, 125, was awarded a technical decision over Jessim Garzon, also 125, in the seventh canto of a 10.

Prisco Taguran, promoter.

(01-08-84)

▲CLARK AIR BASE—Filipino welterweight champ Young dela Cruz, 147, continued his losing run in non-title bouts, as he dropped a unanimous decision to Fred Galang, 147, 10.

Morris Pastor, 123, scored a unanimous decision over Benny Castro, 122½, 10.

(01-10-84)

▲TAMPACAN, SOUTH COTABATO—Roger Saligumba, 108, was held to a majority draw by Flash Zaldy, also 108, 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(01-12-83)

▲GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Edwin Projo, 108, the GAB's top ranked junior flyweight contender, scored an important win over Elmer Magallano, 110, by a unanimous decision, 10. Magallano had once been rated by the WBA due to an upset kayo of then OPBF champ Sung-Nam Kim in Korea.

Carlos Parcia, the GAB's third ranked junior lightie at 133, banged out Jun Escalera, 132, to score a third round TKO in a scheduled 10.

Al Tan Lee, 114½, won a unanimous nod from Fernando Carupo, 114½, 10.

Flash Rockman, 120, gained a unanimous decision from Oscar Gonzales, 117, 10.

Young Abaloyan, 125, was awarded a unanimous nod over Al Juanio, 126, 10.

Florencia Buenaflor, promoter.

(01-14-84)

▲BOGO, CEBU—Celso (Boy) Areglo, 116, defeated Pablo Pepito, 116, a more experienced opponent, 10.

Tomas Reyes, promoter.

(01-14-84)

▲PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Ernie Mata, the GAB's second ranked bantie at 118¾, took a unanimous decision from Boy Abuela, 119, 10.

Joe Hiyas, 121¾, and Amado Cabato, 122, battled to a split draw, 10.

Jun Tito, 121½, won from Little Freddie, 121½, eight.

Steve Ponan, 108, drew with Joel Advincula, 109, six.

Four rounders: Louis Gonzales, 110½, won from Lorenzo Pormanes, 112. Rolando Bohol, 110, drew with Bert Baco, 112. Allan Sese, 110¼, also drew with Gil Lucban, 111½ in the opener.

Laura S. Elorde, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.

(01-18-84)

▲BAGUIO CITY—B.C.F. Gym—Little Balsigan, 135, eked out a split decision over Rudy Solis, 132, ten. Tom Evaristo, referee.

Flash Romeo, 142½, made ex-Filipino champ Nilo Acido , 141, continue his losing run via a unanimous verdict, ten.

Ray Tayaban, 133½, beat Jun Bautista, 134, on points, ten.

Ramon Chan, 114, battled to a majority draw with Roger Pilapil, 114¾, 10.

Zaldy Baguio, 113¾, barely copped a majority duke from Allan Ali, 114, eight.

Flash Grande, 113, won a close call over Roy Valentino, 113, six.

Bernabe Aliping, 121½, TKO'd Anacio Mendiola, 124, in the first round in the opener.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

Leonardo Trinadad and Viergilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.

(01-21-84)

▲TITAY, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Bernie Solis, 127, won a unanimous decision over Flash Albert, also 127, 10.

Benjie Miole, 113, was given a majority decision over Rolly Atillo, 112, 10.

Roberto Edillo, promoter.

(01-29-84)

▲BINMALEY, PANGASINAN—Dong Canada, 112, was held to a majority draw by Tito Gregoria, 112, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Lito Vasquez, 137, TKO'd Roger Amor, 137, in the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Emerito de Gala, 111, unanimously decisioned Rene Mahinay, also 111.

Bobby Pinos, 118, stopped Wilson Rigo, also 118, in the third round in the four-round opener.

Mario Clara, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(01-29-83)

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THAILAND

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, 137½, defeated Rakchart Kiatvayupak, 138, by a unanimous decision, six.

(02-02-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Suriya Pratumvadee, the TBC's eighth ranked flyweight at 114, was a marginal underdog, but he won a unanimous deicsion from Viboon Kiatsoros, 114, a hard punching boy from Muangsurin Camp, six.

(02-03-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Sansakdi Osodsapha, the TBC's number four featherweight at 126, easily finished Yuthachai Sor Chiocharn, 128, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(02-06-84)

▲BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—Newly crowned WBC super flyweight champion Payao Poontarat, 117, proved too sharp and strong for Thaphahin Boosetha, also 117, stopping him in the second round in a scheduled 10.

Sombhop Srisomvongse, promoter.

(02-05-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Niphonyuth Sakardam, 118, earned a split verdict over Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 116½, six.

(02-06-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Downoi Sithsanae, the TBC's sixth ranked junior bantie, 118, faced lantern jawed Chernchalad Sor Chiocharn, 117, finishing him in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

(02-09-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Former amateur titlist Chor-Hhaphalang, 126, became the Lumpinee Stadium's (not the TBC's) featherweight champ, as he knocked out taller Santi Donjadee, 126, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Chor, 27, hit the deck for a nine-count in round two, but fought back hard and took almost every round after the knockdown.

(02-11-84)

▲BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—The OPBF Annual Convention, held late in 1983, decided to establish *another* new weight division—called the *"mini flyweight class."* Thailand is the first country to adopt the OPBF's decision to announce domestic ratings *under 104 pounds.*

Kairung Sithpayak, the TBC's second ranked mini flyweight at 106, managed to earn a split decision over Sungnoi Sithkempetch, also 106, six.

Is this new division really necessary?

(02-11-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Sankumpang Bunthavee, the TBC's top flyweight contender at 114, is the Stadium's champ, but he was knocked out by Filipino Wick Tengam, 114, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Sankumpang almost dropped the Filipino with a beautiful right cross, but Tengam became stronger from the fourth round on, and battered the fading Thai at will.

(02-14-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Paipetch Muangchumpae, the TBC's seventh ranked junior lightie at 132, outscored Agradech (Singjumthong) Sithvatyairom, 130, six.

(02-17-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Narongthavat Nabumrung, 107, met another easy opponent named Eakpong Jockeygym, 110, stopping his victim in the second session of a scheduled six.

(02-18-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajdamnern Stadium—Namkao Satiragym, the TBC's number seven junior flyweight at 110, found it very easy to stop Singha Lookarkasyothin, a mediocre fighter out of the Thai Air Force at 108, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(02-20-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Thai top lightweight contender Aisu Chorcharrenkit, 130, floored Prasong Sithkempetch, 126, for a nine-count in round four, winning a unanimous decision, six.

(02-21-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Both fighters looked much heavier than the classes they were listed under in the TBC's ratings.

Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's number two junior bantie at 122, sent Samart Sakadam, the TBC's third ranked flyweight at 124, to the deck midway in the fifth round, and won a unanimous decision, six.

(02-23-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, 110, the TBC's top ranked junior flyweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Donsak Kor Suwankanyang, 109, six.

(02-24-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Nongberd Naphataya, the Thai Commission's flyweight champ at 114, unanimously decisioned Srithanya Sithsaneh, also 114, six.

(02-25-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Formerly rated by the TBC, Chatmongkol Thairungreung, 112, eked out a split duke over younger Sakchai Kiatsaonthaya, 114, six.

(02-28-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Unbeaten lefty Pornthip H. Mahachai, 112, amazed the crowd by stopping Naewna Sithsery, also 112, at 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled six. Pornthip is now 2-0 with as many kayoes.

(02-29-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Surasith Meeprasert, 115½, scored an upset decision over Namkao Satiragym, the TBC's seventh ranked junior flyweight at 113, six. The winner is now 8-1 with four kayoes.

(03-01-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Dangnau Kiat R.D., 118, utilized his left hand to win a good decision from Ladtrawane Suksavad, 118, six.

(03-02-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Sansakdi Osodsapha, 128, proved a bit too ringwise for Arkadej Sithwatyairom, 128, winning a decision, six.

(03-03-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Kwangtongnoi Sithumnuen, the TBC's fifth ranked bantie at 118, became the new Thai bantamweight champion, as he scored an upset knockout of defending champ Ram Charbandit, also 118, in the sixth round in a 10. It was a battle of the southpaws, with Kwangtongnoi sending the champ to the deck twice and for the count.

(03-05-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Narongthavat Nabumrung, the TBC's 10th ranked junior flyweight at 110, easily knocked out Sarmphong Kor Suwankarnyang, 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.

(03-10-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Chalongchai Singcaltex, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender at 116, easily demolished Niphonyuth Sakardam, 115, in the second round of a six. Chalongchai, 11-2 with eight kayoes, had won a decision over Prayunsak Muangsurin, who defeated ex-WBC super flyweight champ Chul-Ho Kim.

(03-12-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Jownaranoi Jomkatha, the TBC's fifth ranked junior flyweight contender at 115, dropped an upset decision to Suriya Pratumvadee, an old soldier, 115, six.

Jownaranoi seems to have outgrown the 108-pound class.

(03-13-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Kaosai Galaxy, the WBC's second ranked super flyweight at 117, made a dummy out of Korean Jae-Sung Uhm, the KBC's third ranked junior bantie at 115½, taking a lopsided decision, ten. Uhm made a good start with his opening attacks, but Kaosai, a sturdy southpaw, took back the pace, and beat the Korean to the punch especially in the latter half. Jae-Sung's gameness and toughness won the praise of the Thai fans despite his bad defeat. There were no knockdowns. Galaxy is now 23-1 with 20 kayoes. Uhm fell to 12-5 with seven knockouts.

Nivatt Laosuvanvatt, promoter.

(03-14-84)

▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Kolyuth Pornpanthumnu, former Thai featherweight champ at 133, floored Kongsamuth Lukakadyotin, the TBC's top lightweight contender at 134, for a count of nine in the first round and won a unanimous decision, six. Kolyuth will be good opposition against Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana.

(03-16-83)

▲BANGKOK—Suriyanoi Somtangkui, 108, appeared for the first time since his return from an unsuccessful campaign in Korea, and easily kayoed Nopchai Sakpohcharern, 110, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(03-18-84)

▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Sombutyod Singsamang, the TBC's sixth ranked bantie at 118, defeated Phondech Sornrama, 122, by a unanimous decision, six. Sombutyod is now 9-1-1 with six kayoes.

(03-19-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thanusith Singnakornlaung, 128, unanimously outpointed Phayuarom Kittikasem, 125, six.
(03-20-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Porthip H. Mahachai, 113, a rookie who makes Thai experts pay attention ran his unbeaten log to 3-0 (as many kayoes) by stopping Surasak Singkrungthon, 114, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(03-22-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pongpan Sorphayathai, rated by the WBC prior to his disappointing kayo at the hands of Juan (Kid) Meza, made a fine comeback by disposing of Burma's Tin Moung Chorponchai early in the second round of a scheduled six. But your reporter hasn't heard of Burma having any cards of professional fights (Who's Tin?)

Pongpan scaled 124, two pounds heavier than the victim.
(03-24-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight champion Thongtep Petsriracha, 108, barely kept his national crown, as he eked out a split decision from Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 108, ten. The defending champ kept moving in the first half, and jabs to win the seventh to the final rounds. Scoring: 97-96, 98-97, Thongthep; 98-96, Nakarach.
(03-26-84)

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WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Jimmy Clark W 10 Clarence Hill
George Chaplin W 10 Marty Konate
Joe Thomas W 10 Demetrius Edwards
Tony Tucker KO 1 Walter Santemore
James Broad KO 3 Franco Thomas
Frank Villareal W 8 Ernie Smith
Guy Siezkowski KO 3 Lalo Flores

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Osvaldo Ocasio KO 15 John Odhiambo
(Retained WBA Title)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Jean-Marie Emebe W 10 John Davis
Junior Edmonds KO 9 Mario Rosa
Alex DeLucia KO 6 Ricky Nelson
Steve Traitz KO 5 Frankie Hines

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Alex Ramos W 12 Curtis Parker
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
Don Lee KO 3 Fred Reed
Ayub Kalule KO 1 Jimmy Price
Doug DeWitt W 10 Bobby Rico Hoye
James Kinchen KO 9 Irwin Williams
Robert Pew KO 3 Jean-Pierre Dawe
Nick Walker W 10 Jimmy Shavers
Charles Carter KO 3 Dave Lopez
Delbert Williams W 10 James Waire

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Giovanni Bovenzi KO 7 Kenny Whetstone
Darrell Chambers KO 6 Richard Nixon
Duane Thomas KO 3 Clayton Hires
Willie Harris KO 3 Ivan Cowen
Jamey Ollenberger KO 1 Deryl Miller

WELTERWEIGHTS
Donald Curry KO 8 Elio Diaz
(Retained WBA Title)
Milton McCrory KO 6 Gilles Elbilia
(Retained WBC Title)
Carlos Trujillo W 10 Jun-Sok Hwang
Marlon Starling W 12 Lupe Aquino
Roger Stafford W 8 Larry McCall
John Munduga KO 2 Robert Wilcox
Tommy Ayers KO 3 Lanny Edmonds
Phil Sawyer W 10 Chuck Peralta
Ray Jones KO 2 Herby Limon
Gary Roemhild KO 3 Gabriel Jimenez
Herb Johnson KO 2 Milt Bennett
Tony Thomas KO 3 Oran Butler

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Gene Hatcher W 10 Hector Sifuentes
Joe Manley KO 1 Andre Wynn
Larry Benson KO 2 John Citro
Efren Olivo KO 6 Flavio Taboada
Mike Mungin KO 1 Billy Smith

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Harry Arroyo KO 14 Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown
(Won IBF Title)
Hilmer Kenty W 10 Freddy Pendleton
Charlie "White Lightning" Brown KO 2 Arnie Wells
Frankie Randall KO 2 Jerome Artis
Vinnie Pazienza W 8 Mike Golden
Lonnie Smith W 10 Danny Sanchez
Reggie Watson KO 6 David Bell
Gary Simon KO 2 Roosevelt Rico
Daryl Tyson KO 9 Anthony English
Juan Ramon Cruz KO 2 Forest Winchester
Bret Summers KO 7 Kevin Austin
Dave Wren KO 3 Joe Louis Smith

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Jean-Marc Renard W 12 Alfredo Raininger
(Won European Title)
Kenny Baysmore KO 1 Victor Acosta
Louie Burke W 10 Rosendo Ramirez
Jocko King KO 3 Maurice Reed
Dennis Cruz W 10 Pedro Montero
Ruben Castillo KO 5 Robert Anderson

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Richard Savage W 10 Pedro Montero
Barry McGuigan KO 7 Jose Caba
Rafael Martinez D 8 Eduardo Laguna
Julio Llerena W 10 Carlos Pinango
Miguel Maturana W 10 Francisco Alvarez
Arnel Arrozal W 8 Ronnie Cisneros

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Loris Stecca KO 5 Victor Bultran
Pascual Aranda KO 8 Carlos Florpes
Lupe Pintor KO 1 Cleo Garcia
Mike Moreno KO 8 Tony Cisneros

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Jerome Coffee W 10 Terry Pizzaro
Hurley Snead W 10 Manuel Cedeno
Paulie Ayala KO 4 Jose Salas
David Johnson KO 4 Julio Blanco
Joey Lopez KO 2 Juan Reyes
Valerio Zea W 8 Bernardino Rubio
Edwin Rangel D 10 Oscar Bolivar

FLYWEIGHTS
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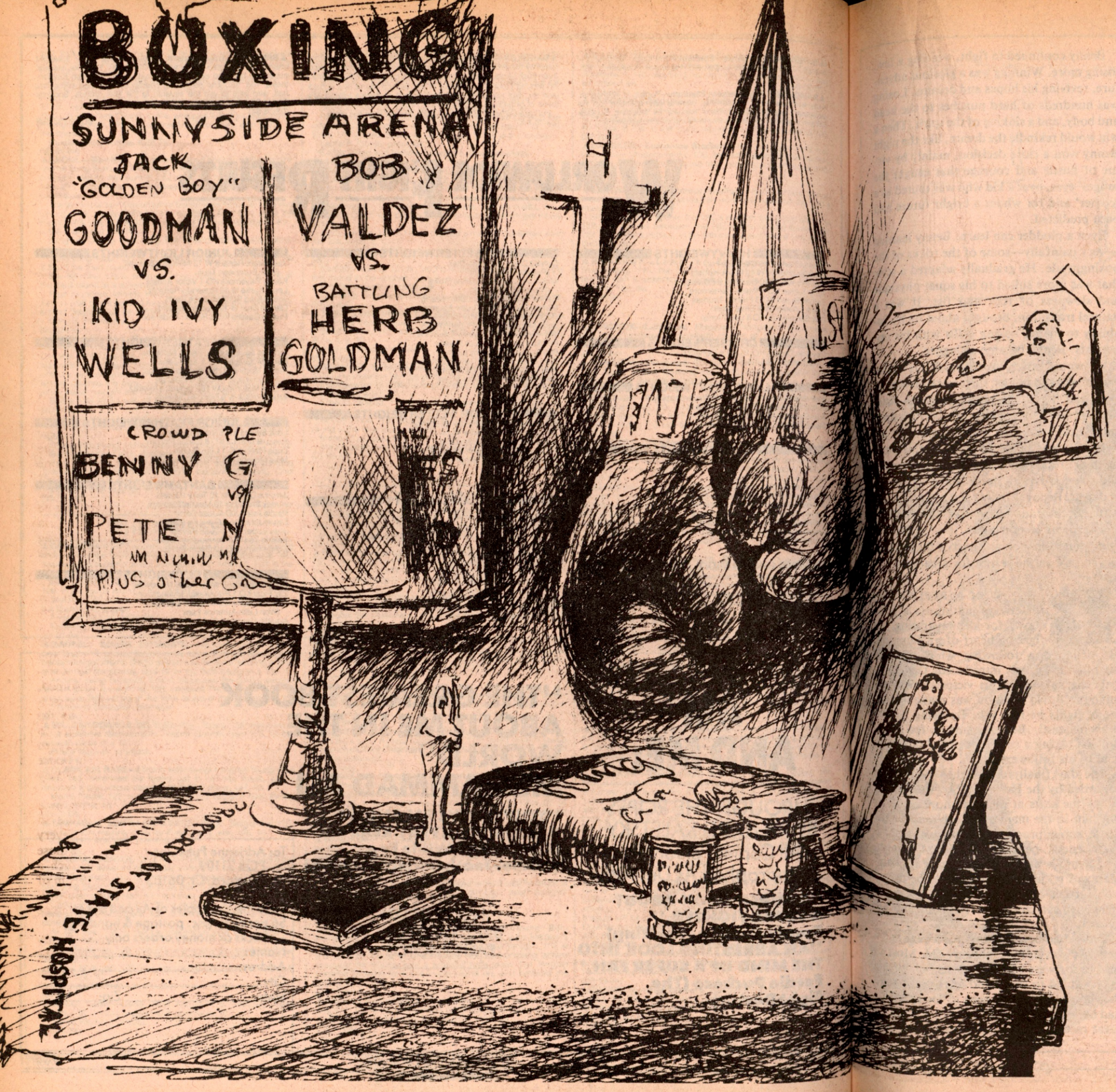


A FIGHTER I KNEW

You might call him a 'loser,' but there's more to Benny's story than the record tells.

By ROBERT WEINSTEIN

THIS IS NOT ONE OF THOSE stories where the good guy overcomes all obstacles, where justice prevails, where the hero triumphs in the end, where ambition and perseverance and clean living and all that is good is rewarded by fame and wealth. Sure, James J. Braddock came off the relief roles to win the Heavyweight Championship of the World, but his case was an exception. Then there was Rocky Balboa, a nothing-much journeyman who made it to the top. But he was a fictional movie character. This story concerns itself only in real life—not reel life—in actualities, where triumph and victory are second-string to pain and disappoint more often than not.

No sir, the American dream of miraculous success did not work for Benny, whose last name will remain anonymous. However, it's in THE RING RECORD BOOK and he is certainly real. If you knew his last name and looked up his record, you might be tempted to say, "What a bum, what a palooka! Look how many fights he lost!" You'd be correct, but there is more to a fighter's record than wins and losses. The record doesn't tell the whole story.

Benny was small. he was only 4′ 11″ when he stopped growing. Very few fighters that short ever made it to the professional ranks, much less to success as pros. Benny was squat, big-chested, bull-necked and slow—both mentally and physically. He was almost totally inept for the games and sports we played as kids in the South Bronx slums. Yet, for our street games of stickball, basketball, softball and baseball, Benny was always picked early because of his determination and hustle. He was a good guy to have on your side.

Benny realized even as a kid, from his experiences in school and in life, that he wasn't smart and that his body wasn't one legends are built around. He didn't resent nature's trick on him. He accepted those shortcomings as a challenge. Somehow he knew that his life stretched out before him as an endless struggle in menial, low-paying jobs in physical labor and chores. For the great masses of the poor and uneducated, menial labor is the best to be hoped for. For the immigrant fathers and mothers in our slum neighborhoods, a hard struggle for existence was a fact of life fully accepted.

The vital difference in Benny is that he was ambitious. Something deep inside him had planted the seed of a gigantic, overwhelming ambition, and it blossomed. Some mysterious process had taken possession of his soul. Benny wanted, to the depths of that soul, to achieve, to excel, to become famous, to earn lots of money, to marry a beautiful girl, to have a big house in the suburbs and several children. Benny wanted to full the American dream.

This was not just wishful thinking or a fantasy on Benny's part, but a desire so deeply rooted that it dominated his every thought. Some guys on the block said those big ideas came from Benny being such a small guy, that small guys always dream of conquering the world. Perhaps. But I'll always believe that Benny's dream came from deep down, from his soul.

There were many roads open to Benny for his escape from the slums and from the poverty they bare. Most of those roads, however, ended on a slab in a morgue or in jail.

The two legitimate paths open to a little guy like Benny were careers as a jockey or a

prizefighter. Both careers made Benny stop and think. And smile.

Benny lived in a crowded tenement section of the South Bronx, in an area known as Fort Apache. The most common sight of the neighborhood is its burned-out buildings.

In the South Bronx, nobody knew anything about horses, other than the fact you could bet on them and use them as cheap-grade meat. If anybody in the area did have anything to do with horses and racetracks and jockeys, he certainly wasn't about to offer his knowledge and advice to a likable but dim-witted slum-dweller such as Benny. So Benny followed the other path—the road to glory in professional boxing. It was a natural move for him in spite of his physical disadvantages. In the frequent street fights between our group of guys and an invading horde, Benny always distinguished himself by his courage and fierceness, but mostly by the dreadful beatings he took.

Soon after he made the decision to become a prizefighter, Benny quit school. He was in the eighth grade for the second time. At 16, he was also three years older than most of his classmates.

AFTER DROPPING OUT OF school, Benny started hanging around Gleason's Gym. He was always an eager volunteer as a sparring partner regardless of the size of the fighter working out. The big guys didn't pound Benny, but used him to improve their speed and timing. The little guys pasted Benny pretty good. It was from them Benny learned the most.

Benny gradually picked up knowledge of the fight game, as well as some discarded equipment. Once he had acquired a cup, a rubber mouthpiece, boxing shoes and trunks, he was ready for his first bout.

Benny's amateur debut took place at St. Anselms Catholic Church, where the good Fathers put on occasional boxing shows. St. Anselms was a sports-oriented church, and the young priests, many of them recent Fordham University graduates, could be seen almost evey day playing stickball or softball in the church playground. Sometimes they played in the street and used chalk marks or sewer covers as bases. It was really funny to see a Father give the ball a good whack, hoist his skirt and run the bases.

For his first amateur fight, Benny weighed 112 pounds. If Benny had lost his first fight, maybe he would have been convinced that he was not cut out for boxing. Or, maybe he would have continued his quest for the American dream. Perhaps it was just that he didn't know any other way out.

Benny won that first fight. The other kid, also a beginner, was faster and taller than Benny, but not as tough or as determined. The other kid was ahead on points, but he punched himself out pounding Benny. The Father in his corner refused to let him come out for the third and final two-minute round. To the wild delight of his neighborhood supporters, Benny's hand was raised in victory.

Benny had now tasted the Glory of victory for the first time. His well-wishers voiced extravagent praise about Benny's fighting ability. Everybody predicted that Benny would soon be champ.

The following day, the fight results were recorded in tiny print in the afternoon edition of the Home News, a strictly local paper. Benny loved seeing his name in the paper. He also reported back to St. Anselms and got a watch inscribed 'Winner, 112 lb. Class' and the silhouette figure of a boxer. The watch was purchased back from Benny for five dollars by one of the priests in a private transaction, since amateurs were not allowed to be paid cash. Five dollars was a lot of money to 16-year-old Benny. He acted as if he had just earned $5 million.

In most rags-to-riches stories, the hero goes on to more triumphs, becomes a professional, fights his way upward and onward against all odds and becomes a champion. He wins fame and fortune. He is adored by the public. Reporters hound him for interviews. Strangers greet him on a first-name basis. Sports pages tell of his exploits in bold, type. All the good things of this Earth flow to him.

Unfortunately, the next step on the ladder of success—continued triumphs—are missing from Benny's story. He had the courage and desire to make it, as well as the ability to take punishment, which is something he regarded as the small price he had to pay for fame and fortune. But Benny was too small and lacked cleverness. He lost a few decisions to bigger, faster boys. Though his neighborhood rooters assured him that he had been robbed by bad decisions, Benny knew in his heart they were wrong. He had become a loser, and knew it better than anybody.

He now had to face the realization that he did not have the talent to get anywhere in the fight game. He knew that he could never get anywhere near the top. Maybe Benny should have quit. Other kids, filled with the same dreams, were smart enough to quit after losing a couple of fights. There is no shame in quitting a sport—especially boxing—since nature doesn't endow everybody equally. But Benny was stubborn. Deep down, what he really was hoping for was a miracle.

Benny continued to fight, winning a few, losing more. Winning was a glorious adventure, reviving his hopes and dreams. Losing was hundreds of hard punches to the head and body, and a sinking of the spirit. Then a win would rekindle the dream, like the night Benny won a close decision, mainly by virtue of hustle and courage that caught the judges' eyes, over a kid who was touted as a 'comer' and for whom a bright future had been predicted.

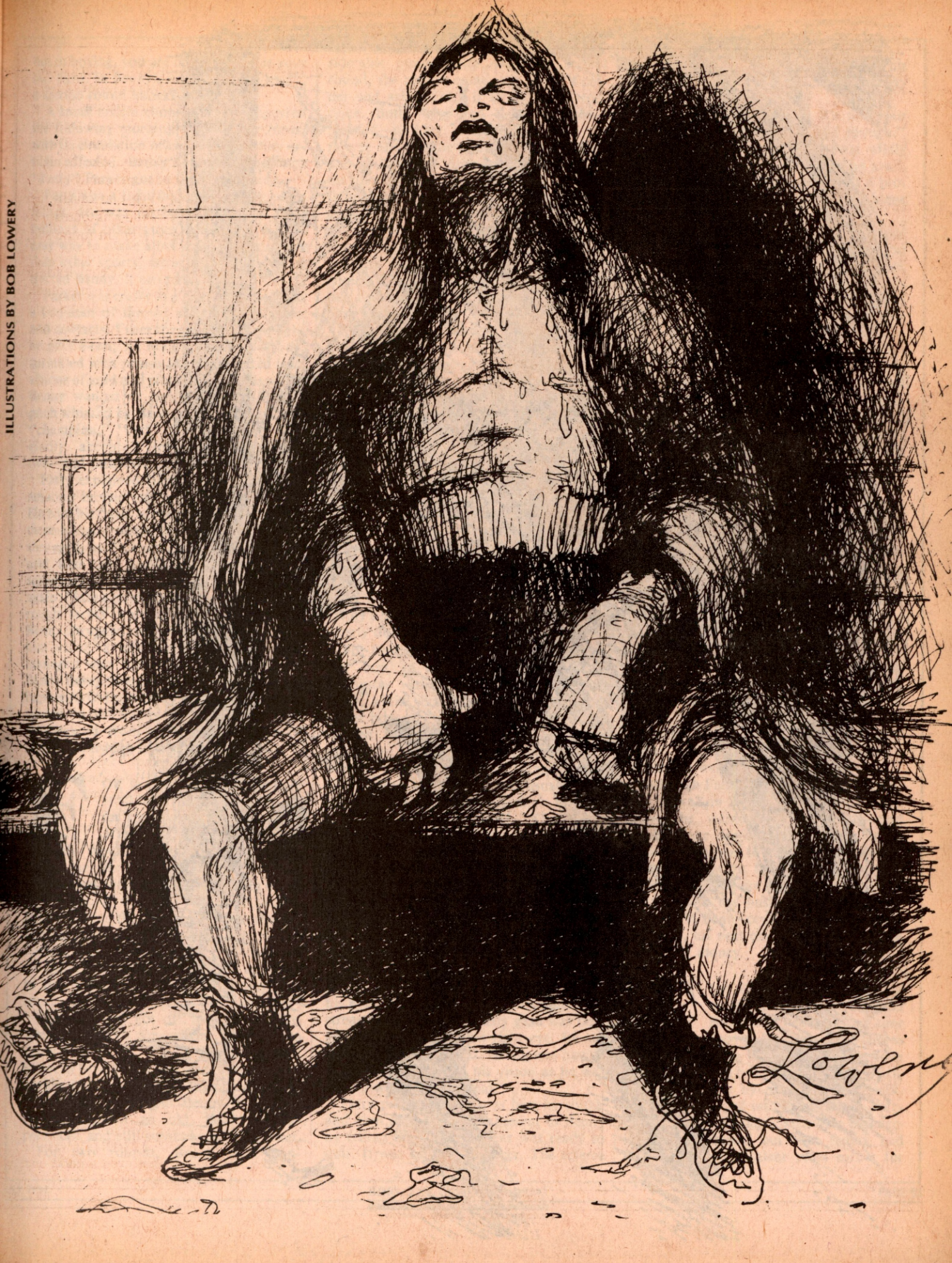
Even a plodder can learn. Benny learned —very painfully—some of the tricks of the boxing trade. He gradually adapted a style that was more suited to his squat physique and slowness of foot and fist. It was a natural transition, brought about by his inability to match boxing skills with his opponents. Benny became a slugger.

He would cover up to block his opponent's jabs and hooks, then work his way in close and dig at the body with both fists. This strategy improved his performance and Benny was soon winning more of his fights. He was a veteran boxer by this time, fighting crude beginners, inept performers and street kids with no skills. In victory or in defeat, Benny usually took a beating. He suffered constant black eyes and had his nose broken several times. But to Benny, every punch he took was part of the price he had to pay on the search for greatness.

BENNY WON A REPUTATION for always putting on a good show, for demonstrating the fighting heart of a champion. He acquired a following which cheered mightily as he was introduced. Generally, only the amount of his victories ever was announced. No mention was made of how many fights he had lost. By being a local drawing card, Benny made a few extra dollars, taking a small cut of the tickets he sold to his followers.

The day finally came when Benny was rewarded by the Fathers at St. Anselms for filling the seats at their promotions. They put him in the main event. He had finally made some progress because of his aggressiveness, persistence and enthusiasm, and Benny's dream of becoming a champion was rekindled once again. The dream was further ignited after Benny won the fight against a crosstown rival from another church.

Benny had been fighting for a year and a half. He was not yet 18 years old. Most of his friends were still in high school. Benny only wanted to study and learn boxing. In the short time he had been in the sport, he had amassed a record of 24-13-1. It wasn't a great record, maybe not even a good one,



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but in boxing, you are only as good as your last fight. In Benny's case, it was a victory, a second-round knockout.

A small article about the fight appeared the following morning in the *Daily News*, with its circulation of millions. The tiny article affected Benny's career—and life. "Fatty" Parker got in touch with him.

Fatty was a fight manager, among other things. He was no better or worse than millions of other guys looking for a safe, easy way to make a buck. Boxing, more so than other sports, attracts dreamers. It attracted Benny. It attracted Fatty.

Parker was crafty in a petty way as well as a con-man of limited ability, imagination and contacts. From the beginning, though, he gave Benny an honest deal. His words, sprinkled with praise and exaggerated with visions of gold and glory, were words which Benny wanted to hear. Much of Fatty's pitch whizzed by Benny. But words such as "champion," "rich" and "famous" were gladly accepted into Benny's receptive—and califlowered—ears.

Fatty explained the differences between amateur boxing and pro boxing to Benny. He told him that he would now be fighting three-minute rounds instead of two. Benny shrugged, as if to say, "Who cares!" Fatty told him that his bouts would now be scheduled for four rounds. Benny shrugged again. Fatty also explained how, in the pros, rough tactics were accepted. Once more, Benny shrugged. He smiled when Fatty told him about a middleweight he had once managed who had made it to the top 10. Benny never thought to ask Fatty what had happened to the fighter, and Fatty never intended to tell Benny that the fighter had disappeared from sight after a series of brutal, punishing losses.

FOR A LONG TIME, BENNY HAD been hoping to get an offer from a manager. Had an offer come along earlier, he certainly would have turned pro, even though he was far from ready. However, nobody was there to guide him along or get him fights. If anybody was there to help Benny, it was the priests of St. Anthelms. But as for professional connections, the Fathers were not the answer. Then came the glib promises of Fatty. They appealed to Benny like the answer to a prayer or silent wish. A partnership was formed.

The new duo got off to a good start, thanks to Fatty's connections. Benny's pro debut was at St. Nick's Arena on 66th Street in New York City. The promoter was always looking for new talent and owed Fatty a favor. He put Benny in a four-rounder against an old, tired, yet experienced and still-somewhat-skillful loser.

For two rounds, Benny took considerable punishment. After the second round, the referee came into Benny's corner and asked Fatty if Benny could continue. Both Fatty and Benny insisted—pleaded—nothing was wrong, and the referee allowed the fight to continue. Sure enough, Benny's opponent, weakened by the thousands of blows he had taken in fights gone by, began to slow down. The crowd howled its approval as Benny came storming back to knock out his tired, battered opponent in the fourth round. Benny held his arms aloft and exulted in the cheers. Later, Fatty pointed out that had this been an amateur fight, Benny would have lost.

"Your toughness and heart won it for ya', Benny!" said his manager. Benny smiled broadly. Once again, the fighter was dreaming of being a champion.

Benny received $25 for the fight—generous for a four-rounder at that time. Some skilled factory workers didn't make as much. For whatever reason, Fatty gave Benny the entire purse, thus earning Benny's undying gratitude and trust.

Benny won three more fights in a row at St. Nick's against carefully selected opponents. He was 4-0. In our neighborhood, Benny was being touted as the next champ. Benny grinned when people told him he was going to be a champion. He believed it. This, however, was the height of Benny's pro career. The rest of the way was mostly downhill.

For Benny's fifth fight, Fatty decided to put him in a six-rounder against a youngster with a good record and fine skills, a kid with a reputation of being a clever boxer with little or no power. Fatty figured that Benny's pressure-type style would be perfect against a clever boxer with no punch. The longer distance would favor Benny's chances, for he usually grew stronger as a bout progressed.

The strategy backfired. The boxer wasn't just good. He was very good. He also had a manager who had done his homework and studied Benny's walk-in style. The boxer used a hard, fast left jab to keep Benny off-balance throughout the fight, never allowing him to get close. On the few occasions Benny did get in close, the boxer successfully tied him up.

By the fourth round, when Benny usually was just starting to look sharp, one of his eyes was swollen totally shut, his nose streamed blood and a nasty gash was only getting bigger above his right eye. By the start of the fifth round, Benny was having as much trouble with his vision as he was having with his opponent.

Fatty patched him up as best he could, and even offered encouragement to Benny by telling him his opponent was ready to quit. It was no use, however. The referee put an end to the slaughter by wrapping his arms around the half-blind Benny midway through round five.

"You did good kid, but it's not your day," said the ref. "You've had enough."

Fatty protested, waving a towel wildly and yelling at the referee, but to no avail. Benny had suffered his first loss as a pro. Fatty and Benny dejectedly returned home to lick their wounds.

It didn't take Fatty long to convince himself that the fight had been stopped too soon. He decided to put Benny right back into a few four-rounders as soon as his cuts and bruises healed. He also decided that Benny's style needed an overhaul. His rush-in-and-slug style left him too vulnerable to blows, Fatty figured. He began to convert Benny from a slugger to a boxer. However, as a boxer, Benny made a damn good slugger! He couldn't dance, couldn't jab, couldn't counter-punch and couldn't slip punches. he began getting hit more than ever. And he began losing more frequently. His losses out-totalled his victories. Benny had fallen off his ladder of success onto the treadmill to nowhere.

His biggest purse had been $50, half of which went to Fatty. Naturally, this wasn't enough to make a decent living. For the first time since he started boxing, Benny considered quitting. He now realized he'd never amount to anything in the fight game. Fatty, too, saw his hopes for a lucrative meal ticket dissolve. Yet, he still hoped for a miracle. Benny's friends felt different. They not only wanted him to quit, they urged him to.

Benny knew he should fight on no longer, but also knew that without any education, without any kind of skills outside of punching, his chances of finding a decent job were bleak, at best.

Although Fatty knew Benny should quit, that he was no longer worth the time and effort, he wanted to get Benny—and himself—one decent payday. Fatty began working on a plan to make that one decent payday materialize. It would take a miracle for Benny to become a champion now, but Fatty was in the business of hoping for miracles. If Benny could somehow win this one fight, his next one would probably be for lots of money.

THE FIGHT FATTY HAD IN mind was against a youngster Benny had beaten a long time ago in the amateurs. It was the only fight the youngster had ever lost. As a pro, he had been brought along wisely and successfully by patient management. He had developed into a contender. Fatty contacted the young contender's management and pointed out that Benny had beaten the young talent years earlier for

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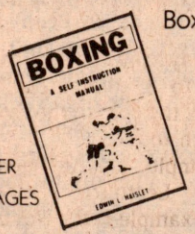

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the only blot on his record. It didn't take much pleading on Fatty's part to make the fight.

It did, however, take lots of pleading to make the fight a main event, especially in the light of Benny's poor record. But Fatty was a better con man than Benny was a fighter, and between his whining, pleading and greasing of the right palms, the fight was arranged. It was billed as a tune-up for a championship fight Benny's opponent hoped to get.

By this time, Benny had 26 professional fights. He also had cauliflower ears, a flat nose and scar tissue upon every angle of his face. He had taken thousands—maybe tens of thousands—of punches to the head and body. A slight slurring of his speech—not that he was ever any great orator—was noticeable. Also, because of damage to his eyes, Benny was constantly blinking, as if sending some Morse Code message. He also walked "punch drunk" his right leg hesitating before the foot was put down.

Benny trained hard, for he knew this was the biggest chance of his career. It didn't matter, though. The fight was no contest.

During the course of the scheduled 10-rounder—Benny's first—Benny was floored twice. In between, he was pounded unmercifully. Several times his opponent let him off the hook, just so he could pound on him some more. Finally, in the eighth round and tired of playing matador, Benny's opponent launched a beautiful straight right. It caught Benny on the side of the jaw. He fell to the canvas hard. it was several minutes before he came to. The crowd gave Benny a polite smattering of applause for his gallant stand, but Benny didn't hear them. Even after he arose, his eyes focused on nothing. If he did hear anything, it had to be a ringing of bells in his ears caused by the right which rendered him unconscious.

It took three days before Benny regained whatever senses he had. All the time, Fatty assured the commission that Benny was okay, and never sent him to a hospital or a doctor.

THE DREAM BENNY AND Fatty had was gone forever. Benny would never become a champion. Fatty would not become a rich manager. Fatty paid Benny his share—$750—and disappeared from Benny's life. To his credit, it must be said that Fatty always gave Benny a fair shake in all their dealings. Never did he steal from him, never did he uncaringly throw Benny into a fight merely for the purpose of making money—not even that final fight. That Benny had only heart but no skill was not Fatty's fault. In the fight game, only the fighter takes the beatings.

Benny was always an ambitious kid, as ambitious as any kid ever was and every bit as tough. Never did he ever give anything but his best. He had everything a fighter needs. Everything except skill.

As the years went by, he became more and more punch drunk. He heard non-existent voices. Sometimes he'd walk into walls. Very often he would talk to "ghosts and demons" in front of him. It was not uncommon for him to occasionally fall over for no apparent reason.

A neighborhood wise-guy admirer got Benny a job as a numbers runner. His job was simple. He only had to walk the neighborhood streets and accept written slips of paper and envelopes filled with money. He was paid a few dollars a day, enough to keep his body and soul together. If somebody hit the right number and collected a large sum of money, Benny would usually get a nice tip.

Benny never married. After boxing, it was as if he totally forgot that women exist. He never had a car or a bank account or the house he always longed for. He seemed to know he was punchy, and accepted lots of kidding about it in good humor. He was very gentle, and neighborhood parents enjoyed watching Benny play with their youngsters. The kids looked at him as a big playmate.

As time passed, Benny was arrested several times for his connections with the numbers racket. Thirty day jail sentences at Blackwell's Island were common. But everybody, from the jail guards to the cops to the judges who handed him his sentences, liked Benny, as he was always quiet, respectful and never trouble.

The aging process was not kind to Benny. Every year of his life aged him at least five years. Before he was even 50, he was no longer of sane mind. With the help of the Fathers at St. Anthelms, Benny was committed to the New York State asylum in Rockland County, where he is today.

Some of the old gang, most of them now successful businessmen, visit him from time to time. Of course, he doesn't recognize any of them. They smile when they see his neatly-kept room, with boxing memorabilia everywhere. They shake their heads sadly when he begins to shadow-box some imaginary opponent in front of him

But they shouldn't feel sad for Benny. The look on his face says he is happy and content. He has no pressures on him. Life is kind to him. Perhaps, just perhaps, he is happier and more content than he has every been before.

No, we shouldn't feel sorry for Benny, for at long last, he has become a champion, if only in his own mind. ■

IN THIS CORNER ...

ROSS GREENBURG

(Producer)

AT AN AGE WHEN MOST TELEVISION PRODUCERS are just beginning to make a name for themselves, Ross Greenburg is already a well-seasoned veteran, one of the most acclaimed producers in TV sports.

At 29, Greenburg has already been involved in the production of more championship fights (25) than other any producer.

"I had my first taste of boxing when I was in fourth grade," recalls Greenburg, who grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y. "Me and a friend put on some gloves he had in his house and then the two of us went at it. I got hit a couple of shots and said to myself, 'This is insane!' That did it for my boxing career!"

Among his boyhood pals was Kyle Gifford, whose dad was Frank Gifford, the New York Giants football star and announcer for ABC.

"I was always sports-oriented," says Greenburg, "but hanging around Kyle made me even more of a sports nut." In high school, Greenburg played football, lacrosse and golf.

"I became interested in the marriage of television and sports when Kyle and I started going to golf tournaments which his father announced. We were hired as spotters and scorers and things like that. I was amazed and fascinated at what went on behind the scenes. I became very interested in the production of sports events and craved to learn more.

In 1976, while an undergraduate at Brown University, Greenburg took the summer off to free-lance with ABC on their golf matches. The following year he again freelanced with ABC, serving as a production assistant on the 1977 World Series, *Monday Night Football*, and several *Wide World of Sports* events.

Upon graduation from Brown in 1977, Greenburg began sending out resumes. The only job offer he received was from a small television station which offered him a small paycheck and the chance to grow with them. Today, Greenburg is thankful he heard only from Home Box Office (HBO), for today they are the largest pay service in all of television land.

Greenburg began as an Assistant Producer shortly after his 23rd birthday. The first fight he worked was on March 2, 1978, when Yaqui Lopez stopped Mike Rossman in the sixth round in New York's Felt Forum. Four months later, Greenburg produced his

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first boxing show. The main event: Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Dick Eklund. Since then, he has become HBO's number one producer for their lucrative, big-name, big-money prizefights. He also produces Wimbledon Tennis, *Inside the NFL*, *Inside Boxing* and various other shows for HBO. Recently, he won cable television's highest honor—the "Ace Award"—for *Inside the NFL*, now in its eighth season. Nothing, though, excites Greenburg more than working boxing.

"I love working on the fights," he says. "I love the action they provide and I really think very highly of the boxers. I find them to be such warm, sensitive people. I also think boxing provides a producer with challenges to do different things."

That challenge to do something different led Greenburg to hire United Nations interpreter Tito Alba, a Panamanian, to translate the in-between rounds dialogue in Roberto Duran's corner during his bout with Marvin Hagler last November. Greenburg was so pleased with the results that he called Alba back to work on the Hagler-Juan Roldan fight last March. Without Alba's between-rounds translation, the English-speaking world wouldn't never have known of the dramatic dialogue going on between Roldan and manager/trainer Tito Lectoure. Roldan, nearly blind in his right eye after suffering an injury in round three, wanted desperately to quit. Lectoure wouldn't allow him to, yelling—among other things—"You are trained to fight for 20 rounds. Go out there and fight him!" Greenburg calls Alba "the ultimate translator"—a boxing fan who also understands the workings of television due to past work in the field—and promises to bring him back when the situation calls for a translator.

Because HBO is a pay network, the viewer gets what he pays for—shows without commercials. During the fights, that means producer Greenburg is free to bring the viewer into each man's corner every round.

"I feel bad for any viewer when the networks cut away to a commercial," says Greenburg. "I think the core of the fight is in the corner between rounds."

A perfect example is the seemingly heartless lecture Lectoure spewed at Roldan. Another example is the November, 1982, war between Aaron Pryor and Alexis Arguello. Between two of the rounds, Pryor's trainer, Panama Lewis, yelled, "Give me the bottle!" When a bottle was handed to him, he said, "No! No! The one we mixed!" Later, there was widespread speculation that the bottle contained a drug.

Always looking to be creative and try new things, Greenburg had a cameraman placed inside the electric message board some 50 feet above the ring in the Centrum in Worcester, Mass., for the Sugar Ray Leonard-Kevin Howard fight on May 11. The cameraman provided the viewing audience with some breathtaking views of the fight.

"Only one thing went wrong with having the cameraman up there," chuckles Greenburg. "In the excitement of the fight and what followed with Leonard's retirement afterwards, we forgot about the cameraman. He was left stranded up there for over an hour."

Ross and his fianceé, Michele Bar, plan to marry in November. After the honeymoon (at which it's rumored HBO will be sending a camera crew and their announce team of Barry Tompkins, Larry Merchant and Sugar Ray Leonard) it'll be back to the arena, the edit rooms, the studio and the control truck.

"Let's see it in Slo Mo!"
"Roll X!"
"Roll Y!"
"Wipe font!"
"We're coming to you in 5...4...3..."
"Go, Barry!"
"Fade to black!"
"That's a wrap! Nice job!"

FOR THE RECORD

FROM ALI TO ZYGLEWICZ . . .

The complete championship record of every man who ever fought for the title in the Queensberry era.

Heavyweight Championship Bout Stats

By JOHN GRASSO

CONSIDER THESE FACTS. THIRTY-FIVE men have been recognized as heavyweight champion of the world in the 100-plus years since the Marquis of Queensberry rules were instituted. [For the purposes of this discourse, WBA, WBC or New York State Athletic Commission recognition is sufficient to qualify a fighter for championship designation.*] By contrast, there've been 39 Presidents of the United States in the nearly two centuries since the Consitution was ratified. There've been 50 astronauts, 300 Nobel Prize winners and 400 Super Bowl champion football players in various time spans.

In the 174 heavyweight title bouts held between 1892 and 1983, 132 boxers competed. Only 32 have won [Ken Norton was acclaimed heavyweight champion in 1978 by the WBC without ever having won a heavyweight championship bout; John L. Sullivan never successfully defended his crown under the Marquis of Queensberry rules]. Amazingly, five boxers have accounted for half of the total victories in those 174 bouts. Joe Louis won 26 of 27, Muhammad Ali won 22 of 25, Larry Holmes 18 out of 18 [not counting his bout vs. Gerrie Coetzee], Tommy Burns 11 out of 13 and Joe Frazier 10 out of 12.

Some other interesting heavyweight championship bout facts: Floyd Patterson was outweighed in all 13 of his heavyweight championship bouts, yet he won more title bouts than Jim Corbett, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney or Rocky Marciano. In fact, only six men ever won more heavyweight title bouts than Patterson. Jersey Joe Walcott holds the perseverance record among heavyweights. He lost four challenges for the title before he defeated Ezzard Charles in his fifth attempt.

***Note: If recent trends continue, there may be 35 heavyweight champions recognized simultaneously next year. It should be pointed out that there have in fact been only 26 *genuine* World Heavyweight Champions. The other 9 were merely "claimants," recognized small sectors of the boxing world.**

FIGHTER	YEARS	WEIGHT RANGE	BOUTS OUT-WEIGHED	TOTAL BOUTS	W-L	PCT.	ROUNDS	KO	KO by
MUHAMMAD ALI	**1964/80**	**202-230**	**7**	**25**	**22-3**	**.880**	**255**	**14**	**1**
Buddy Baer	1941-42	238-250	0	2	0-2	.000	7	0	1a
MAX BAER	**1934-35**	**210**	**1**	**2**	**1-1**	**.500**	**25**	**1**	**0**
Nick Barone	1950	179	1	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
Trevor Berbick	1981	216	0	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Freddie Beshore	1950	185	0	1	0-1	.000	13	0	1
Oscar Bonavena	1968	207	0	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
JAMES BRADDOCK	**1935/37**	**194-197**	**2**	**2**	**1-1**	**.500**	**22**	**0**	**1**
Bill Brennan	1920	197	0	1	0-1	.000	11	0	1
Joe Bugner	1975	230	0	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Red Burman	1941	188	1	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
TOMMY BURNS	**1906-08**	**168-184**	**5**	**13**	**11-1-1**	**.917**	**127**	**9**	**1b**
PRIMO CARNERA	**1933-34**	**260-270**	**0**	**4**	**3-1**	**.750**	**45**	**1**	**1**
Georges Carpentier	1921	172	1	1	0-1	.000	3	0	1
EZZARD CHARLES	**1949/54**	**180-193**	**10**	**13**	**9-4**	**.692**	**149**	**5**	**2**
George Chuvalo	1965-66	209-216	0	2	0-2	.000	30	0	0
CASSIUS CLAY (see Muhammad Ali)									
Randall Tex Cobb	1982	234	0	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Don Cockell	1955	205	0	1	0-1	.000	8	0	1
GERRIE COETZEE	**1979/83**	**215-227**	**2**	**3**	**1-2**	**.333**	**36**	**1**	**1**
Billy Conn	1941/46	174-187	2	2	0-2	.000	19	0	2
Gerry Cooney	1982	226	0	1	0-1	.000	12	0	1
Henry Cooper	1966	188	1	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Jean Pierre Coopman	1976	206	1	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
JAMES J. CORBETT	**1892/03**	**178-190**	**3**	**5**	**2-3**	**.400**	**66**	**2**	**3**
Terry Daniels	1972	195	1	1	0-1	.000	3	0	1
JACK DEMPSEY	**1919/27**	**185-193**	**4**	**8**	**6-2**	**.750**	**55**	**5**	**0**
MICHAEL DOKES	***1982-83***	***216-223***	***0***	***3***	***1-1-1***	***.500***	***24***	***1***	***1c***
Gus Dorazio	1941	194	1	1	0-1	.000	1	0	1
Richard Dunn	1976	207	1	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
JIMMY ELLIS	***1968/70***	***197-201***	***1***	***3***	***2-1***	***.667***	***34***	***0***	***1***
Alfredo Evangelista	1977-78	208-209	2	2	0-2	.000	21	0	1
Tommy Farr	1937	204	0	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Jack Finnegan	1900	n/a	—	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Luis Angel Firpo	1923	207	0	1	0-1	.000	1	0	1
BOB FITZSIMMONS	**1897/02**	**167-172**	**3**	**3**	**1-2**	**.333**	**30**	**1**	**2**
Fireman Jim Flynn	1906/12	175	1	2	0-2	.000	23	0	2
Zora Folley	1967	203	1	1	0-1	.000	6	0	1
GEORGE FOREMAN	**1973-74**	**218-225**	**0**	**4**	**3-1**	**.750**	**9**	**3**	**1**
Bob Foster	1970	188	1	1	0-1;	.000	1	0	1
Scott Frank	1983	211	1	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
JOE FRAZIER	**1968-75**	**203-218**	**7**	**12**	**10-2**	**.833**	**75**	**8**	**2**
Marvis Frazier	1983	200	1	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Tony Galento	1939	234	0	1	0-1	.000	3	0	1
Tommy Gibbons	1923	176	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Arturo Godoy	1940	201-202	1	2	0-2	.000	22	0	1
Ray Harris	1958	194	0	1	0-1	.000	12	0	1
MARVIN HART	***1905-06***	***188-190***	***0***	***2***	***1-1***	***.500***	***31***	***1***	***0***
Tom Heeney	1928	204	0	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
LARRY HOLMES	**1978-83**	**209-223**	**11**	**18**	**18-0**	**1.000**	**158**	**13**	**0**
Tommy Jackson	1957	193	0	1	0-1	.000	9	0	1
JIM JEFFRIES	**1899/10**	**206-227**	**0**	**9**	**8-1**	**.889**	**93**	**7**	**1**
INGEMAR JOHANSSON	**1959-61**	**195-207**	**0**	**3**	**1-2**	**.333**	**11**	**1**	**2**
JACK JOHNSON	**1908/15**	**192-221**	**3**	**11**	**5-1-5**	**.786**	**129**	**4**	**1d**
Battling Jim Johnson	1913	n/a	—	1	0-0-1	.500	10	0	0c
Doug Jones	1966	188	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Leroy Jones	1980	255	0	1	0-1	.000	7	0	1
Al Kaufman	1909	191	1	1	0-0-1	—	10	0	0b
Stanley Ketchel	1909	170	1	1	0-1	.000	11	0	1
Bill Lang	1908	187	0	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Roland LaStarza	1953	185	1	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
Scott Ledoux	1980	226	0	1	0-1	.000	6	0	1
Gus Lesnevich	1949	182	0	1	0-1	.000	7	0	1

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John Henry Lewis	1939	181	1	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
SONNY LISTON	**1962-65**	**214-218**	**0**	**4**	**2-2**	**.500**	**6**	**2**	**2**
Brian London	1959/66	202-206	1	2	0-2	.000	12	0	2
Tommy Loughran	1934	184	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
JOE LOUIS	**1937/50**	**197-218**	**9**	**27**	**26-1**	**.963**	**170**	**22**	**0e**
Ron Lyle	1975	219	1	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
Eddie Machen	1965	192	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	1
Nathan Mann	1938	194	1	1	0-1	.000	2	0	1
ROCKY MARCIANO	**1952-55**	**184-189**	**4**	**7**	**7-0**	**1.000**	**60**	**6**	**0**
Buster Mathis	1968	244	0	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
Tami Mauriello	1946	199	1	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Joey Maxim	1951	182	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Al McCoy	1940	181	1	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Victor McLaglen	1909	n/a	—	1	0-0-1	—	6	0	0b
Tom McNeeley	1961	197	0	1	0-1	.000	3	0	1
Karl Mildenberger	1966	194	1	1	0-1	.000	11	0	1
Billy Miske	1920	187	0	1	0-1	.000	2	0	1
Charley Mitchell	1894	158	1	1	0-1	.000	2	0	1
Gunner Moir	1907	204	0	1	0-1	.000	9	0	1
Archie Moore	1955-56	188	1	2	0-2	.000	12	0	2
Frank Moran	1914/16	203	2	2	0-1-1	.000	30	0	0b
Jack Munroe	1904	186	1	1	0-1	.000	1	0	1
Tony Musto	1941	200	1	1	0-1	.000	8	0	1
KEN NORTON	***1974/78***	***213-220***	***2***	***3***	***0-3***	***.000***	***31***	***0***	***1***
Lou Nova	1941	203	0	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Phila. Jack O'Brien	1906/09	161-167	3	3	0-1-2	.250	46	0	0f
Osvaldo Ocasio	1979	207	1	1	0-1	.000	6	0	1
Lee Oma	1951	193	0	1	0-1	.000	9	0	1
Greg Page	1984	239	0	1	0-1	.000	12	0	0
Jack Palmer	1908	n/a	—	1	0-1	.000	3	0	1
Bob Pastor	1939	183	1	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
FLOYD PATTERSON	**1956**	**182-197**	**13**	**13**	**8-5**	**.615**	**80**	**8**	**4**
Johnny Paycheck	1940	188	1	1	0-1	.000	1	0	1
Jerry Quarry	1968-69	195-199	2	2	0-2	.000	22	0	1
Pete Rademacher	1957	202	0	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Manuel Ramos	1968	208	0	1	0-1	.000	1	0	1
Jem Roche	1908	n/a	—	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Lucien Rodriguez	1983	209	1	1	0-1	.000	12	0	0
Jose King Roman	1973	197	1	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Jack Root	1905	171	1	1	0-1	.000	11	0	1
Jack Roper	1939	205	0	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1
Tony Ross	1909	214	0	1	0-0-1	—	6	0	0b
Gus Ruhlin	1901	194	1	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
MAX SCHMELING	**1930/38**	**188-193**	**3**	**4**	**2-2**	**.500**	**33**	**1**	**1g**
JACK SHARKEY	**1930/33**	**197-205**	**1**	**3**	**1-2**	**.333**	**24**	**0**	**1h**
Sailor Tom Sharkey	1899	183	1	1	0-1	.000	25	0	0
Earnie Shavers	1977/79	211	1	2	0-2	.000	25	0	1
Abe Simon	1941-42	255-256	0	2	0-2	.000	17	0	2
Jewey Smith	1908	n/a	—	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
Renaldo Snipes	1981	216	0	1	0-1	.000	10	0	1
LEON SPINKS	**1978/81**	**197-201**	**3**	**3**	**1-2**	**.333**	**32**	**0**	**1**
Bill Squires	1907-08	180-184	2	3	0-3	.000	19	0	3
Ron Stander	1972	218	0	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
Young Stribling	1931	187	1	1	0-1	.000	14	0	1
JOHN L. SULLIVAN	**1892**	**212**	**0**	**1**	**0-1**	**.000**	**20**	**0**	**1i**
JOHN TATE	***1979-80***	***232-240***	***0***	***2***	***1-1***	***.500***	***29***	***0***	***1***
ERNEST TERRELL	***1965-67***	***199-213***	***1***	***4***	***3-1***	***.750***	***60***	***0***	***0***
Harry Thomas	1938	196	1	1	0-1	.000	4	0	1
James Quick Tillis	1981	209	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
GENE TUNNEY	**1926-28**	**190-192**	**3**	**3**	**3-0**	**1.000**	**30**	**1**	**0**
Paulino Uzcudun	1933	229	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Pat Valentino	1949	189	0	1	0-1	.000	7	0	1
JERSEY JOE WALCOTT	**1947/53**	**193-198**	**2**	**8**	**2-6**	**.250**	**88**	**1**	**3**
MIKE WEAVER	***1980-83***	***202-219***	***5***	***6***	***3-2-1***	***.583***	***67***	***2***	***2c***
Chuck Wepner	1975	225	0	1	0-1	.000	14	0	1
JESS WILLARD	**1915-19**	**225-245**	**0**	**3**	**1-1-1**	**.500**	**38**	**1**	**1b**
Cleveland Williams	1966	211	1	1	0-1	.000	2	0	1
TIM WITHERSPOON	***1983-84***	***220***	***1***	***2***	***1-1***	***.000***	***24***	***0***	***0***
Jimmy Young	1976	209	1	1	0-1	.000	15	0	0
Lorenzo Zanon	1980	215	0	1	0-1	.000	5	0	1
Dave Zyglewicz	1969	191	1	1	0-1	.000	0	0	1

Walcott then defeated Charles in a rematch—their fourth heavyweight championship battle—before twice losing to Rocky Marciano. From 1947 to 1953, Walcott lost six of eight heavyweight championship bouts.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien challenged for the title on three occasions and fought a total of 46 rounds (an average of more than 15 rounds per bout). He lost on a 20-round decision, boxed a 20-round draw and fought to a no-decision over six rounds. On November 28, 1906, in his first fight against Tommy Burns, O'Brien weighed only 163½ pounds to Burns' 172. Both boxers actually weighed in under the light heavyweight limit! As O'Brien was light heavyweight champion at that time, the winner of that bout could rightfully have claimed both titles. The 20-round bout, however, ended in a draw and both fighters left the ring with their titles intact.

Sonny Liston gave boxing fans less for their money than any other heavyweight champion. He fought in four heavyweight championship bouts but completed only six rounds. And, only one of the four bouts lasted past the first round. Ernie Terrell, the WBA champion from 1965-1967, was the opposite of Liston. Each of his four title bouts lasted the 15-round distance. He won his first three before losing the WBA belt to Muhammad Ali, who incidentally, also gave fans their money's worth. Ali completed 255 rounds in his 25 bouts for an average of more than 10 rounds per bout. He also went the distance in five consecutive bouts. Ali and Terrell are the only boxers ever to compete in more than two consecutive heavyweight championship bouts lasting 15 complete rounds.

George Foreman was one of the most traveled champions during his brief reign. He boxed in four title bouts — all outside the United States. He is the only heavyweight champion never to box a championship bout in this country. Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson both fought more heavyweight championship bouts outside the United States than within. Ali holds the record for the most different sites for heavyweight title bouts. He fought nine title bouts outside the continental United States on four different continents and fought 16 bouts within the borders, spanning eight different states. Larry Holmes, however, has followed a pattern similar to that of Joe Louis. Neither man has ever fought a heavyweight title bout outside the United States and both had a favorite city—Holmes' being Las Vegas, where 12 of his 19 bouts (counting the Coetzee bout) have been held, and Louis' being New York, the site of 18 of the "Brown Bomber's" 27 title bouts.

Notes—Names in **bold** are champions.
Italics indicates claimant
Rounds shown are complete rounds only.
Weights are rounded to nearest pound.
*Draws count as half a win.
No-decision bouts do not count.
a—lost one bout by disqualification.
b—boxed one no decision bout.
c—boxed one draw.
d—boxed four no decision bouts and one draw.
e—won one bout by disqualification.
f—boxed one no decision bout and one draw.
g—won one bout on foul.
h—lost one bout on foul.
i—includes only bouts under Marquis of Queensberry rules.

LAST ROUND

RUBY GOLDSTEIN IS DEAD.

It's best to say that first, and say it in that way. Far too many newspaper obituaries were headed "Ruby Goldstein, controversial Referee" or "Ruby Goldstein, Ring Referee Who Quit After Boxer Died" to make another reference to the Benny Paret tragedy.

To a veritable handful of old-time boxing people and fight fans, Ruby Goldstein was a fighter, the "Jewel of the Ghetto" with the dynamite kick who reeled off 23 straight wins before Ace Hudkins climbed off a Brooklyn canvas to roar back and knock out Ruby in the fourth. The "Jewel" never shined as brightly after that. Goldstein managed to put together a couple of impressive looking win streaks, but his chin betrayed him in the big fights. Sid Terris knocked him out in the first round in June of 1927 and Jimmy McLarnin halted him in two rounds in December, 1929. Ruby fought on, intermittently, until 1937, but the glamour days, when he was Al Jolson's favorite fighter, were long gone.

To the fans of later generations, Ruby was a referee—possibly the most famous third man of all-time and, in the opinion of many, one of the best. He refereed 22 world's championship fights. More important than the quantity of his work was the quality. He was an exciting referee who made a lot of dull fights seem exciting by the way he stepped around. Watching Ruby work was often more entertaining than watching the fight.

Ruby started refereeing in 1942, when he was drafted into the army at the age of 34. He became a corporal and was stationed at Fort Hamilton, where boxing shows were staged during the summer. One night, the ref failed to appear, and Ruby subbed.

He was transferred to Camp Shanks in New York, where there was a broad athletic program that included boxing. Goldstein worked all of the bouts, and was an experienced referee, with several hundred bouts under his belt, by the time he left the service several months later.

Ruby got his license from the New York State Commission that same year (1943), and was soon one of the top officials in the country. The first star bout he worked in Madison Square Garden was the fight between Lou Nova and Joe Baksi on March 30, 1945. The first Tommy Bell—Jake LaMotta battle followed several months later, and Goldstein worked that, too.

RUBY GOLDSTEIN

Goldstein had begun a career that would last two decades. The first title fight he worked was the first Joe Louis—Jersey Joe Walcott contest—a bout that saw Walcott deck Louis twice, only to lose via a highly debatable decision. The two judges carded for the champion. Goldstein, a friend of Louis', scored the bout for Walcott.

"I know Ruby," Louis said. "He calls 'em like he sees 'em."

That remark, more so than just the fight, "made" Goldstein. He refereed the first Tony Zale—Rocky Graziano fight, a thrilling contest that saw Zale come from behind to knock Rocky flat with a tremendous punch to the belly. One big fight after another came Goldstein's way, including one, Joey Maxim—Sugar Ray Robinson, which saw the former Jewel of the Ghetto collapse from heat exhaustion after 10 rounds in Yankee Stadium in June of 1952, and another that saw him step in to save reigning world middleweight champion Randy Turpin from Sugar Ray Robinson with 10 seconds left in the 10th round. Many thought he stepped in just a bit too early.

Ten years later, at the Polo Grounds, Emile Griffith battered Paret and Ruby stepped in too late.

"I couldn't sleep for months after that fight," revealed Ruby. "I would lay awake at night, staring at the ceiling. I would ask myself, 'What if I work another fight and the same thing happened?'"

Goldstein did work "one more fight"—a 10-round contest between Holly Mims and Luis Rodriguez in the Garden on March 20, 1964. After that, he quit for good.

Ruby kept in touch with boxing though, through the "Inside the Ropes" column that he later wrote for The Ring.

The Jewel of the Ghetto retired to Miami Beach a few years back. He died there of cancer on Sunday, April 22. The most well-known "third man" of the post-World War II years was 76.

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